

Planning application comment was submitted on the **22 November 2024 14:47 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P222728/N** by **David Pealing**

**Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application**

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**Comment:** My objection to this planning application is based on design consideration and the need for such investment.

The area of Herefordshire where this anaerobic digester is situated and the land used to feed the plant has some of the richest soils in the country. Using the land to produce crops that are intended to feed the AD plant is hugely wasteful.

AD plants were first popular as a means to effectively use by-product wastes from the food industry. On the back of generous renewable subsidies AD plants are now expanding and being 'fed' with crops grown especially for the AD plant. Maize, whole crop cereals, cut and come again herbal crops are some of the crops. They are grown with the usual agricultural inputs - diesel, seeds, fertiliser from fossil fuels, they are then driven for miles in tractors and trailers to the AD plant. Once there the crops are mixed and fed to the AD plant. This plant will produce 'green' methane and put into the gas network. The fossil fuels used to produce these crops and the inefficiencies of producing methane in this way and the inefficiencies of its use either in generating electricity directly or after it has been put in the gas grid is hugely wasteful. I don't see how this can be in anyway support the renewable energy supply we are so desperate to achieve in the fight against climate change. It is fossil fuel based energy which is robbing the UK of agricultural food production disguised as renewable. I hope that this planning application doesn't succeed and that if it is unsuccessful and goes to appeal that it is recognised as an unsuitable method of generating energy.

**Attachment:**

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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** To make several hundred acres of new Herefordshire farmland.

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