

Planning application comment was submitted on the **30 March 2023 09:51 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P230398/N** by **Phyll Hannah**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: 30th March 2023

I am writing to object to the granting of retrospective planning in Case reference Number 230398 for a digestate lagoon for waste that has been built without planning clearance.

I think this application is a clear and present danger to the precious Wye ecosystem.

The application should be rejected for the following reasons.

1. Location

a. The lagoon is sited away from [REDACTED] Farm (where the biodigester is built) and the digestate waste has to be transported along the busy B4521 and A4137 to Great Treadow Farm.

b. The lagoon is uncovered and at the top of high ground. There is the risk of flooding and run off from excess rainfall, strong winds and accidents causing the digestate waste to flow towards a Wye catchment area and into the Garron Brook and Wye River. Pollution of the Wye eco-system is an issue that counts as one of the public's top concerns.

2. Safety and Control of toxic waste

a. The lagoon is not covered. Digestate waste can cause both airborne and waterborne ammonia emissions yet no protective bunding or protective cover is evident.

b. There appears to be no protection [REDACTED] with appropriate signage or rescue equipment

The applicant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] should have applied for planning permission and consulted the Environment Agency before building the lagoon. The failure to consult was probably a fear that planning permission for the lagoon would be turned down as an inappropriate siting for such a facility.

The Wye ecosystem needs to be returned to good health and the signal sent that planning approval has to precede construction.

Yours sincerely,
Phyll Hannah

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: Improved road surface for Biddlestone hamlet.

Link ID: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=230398

Form reference: FS-Case-502899241