

Planning application comment was submitted on the **01 August 2024 07:56 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P241551/N** by **Jan Potter**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: Please see attached letter

Attachment:

Their contact details are as follows:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: No preference

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Form reference: FS-Case-635271372

Address as noted online

Re: Pyrolysis Waste Processing Facility Planning Application P24155 I/N

Dear Sirs,

I wish to note the following objections to the application for planning permission Ref: P24155 I/N

I spend one day a week at a property visiting [REDACTED] (0.4 miles from the proposed site) and I am a frequent visitor to Newton Court Cider Farm Restaurant. The latter is rightly listed as a showcase destination in Herefordshire County Bid's own publicity for tourism (www.visitherefordshire.co.uk). As such its immediate environment is part of its attraction and needs protecting. The pyrolysis waste processing plant is immediately opposite and overlooks the site.

I object on the following ground.

1. Design of the building

The proposed industrial buildings will not be hidden from view. Being made of concrete and metal profile sheeting they will not be an attractive opposite a tourism site using its outdoor views as an asset.

2. Traffic/parking issues

The requirement for lorries to be delivering waste to the treatment plant (6 lorries per day according to the PDA/1.11) in addition to site workers. This will create a hazard on a stretch of road next to a bus stop, opposite two smaller junctions and immediately before a narrowing of road over a bridge. Currently, there can already be a significant difficulty in crossing the road to the bus stop as a pedestrian at that very point and exiting the lane in a vehicle.

The application wrongly states that there will be no changes to access but it will necessitate a change in the location of the bus stop.

3. Loss of privacy, overlooking and loss of light

The site will be overlooked by Newton Court Cider Centre restaurant and fields where a range of tourism visits are already established.

4. Noise and disturbance

This will be significant to the area. The disturbance through odours leaking from the plant cannot be guaranteed to be minimal, especially if an alternative to wood is treated in future, such as chicken farm waste. This appeal considers the long term plans for a different source of waste, which may not yet be in writing.

5. Loss of open space/green space/habitats

- i. The planning application states that no hedges are on the site. This is not factual. There are hedges which are part of the local landscape character. The site has become a haven for a range of birds and smaller species as can be easily observed. These would be lost with the planned

development. Currently there is no building there and the proposed building would therefore have an impact on the habitat.

- ii. I note that a pre-application enquiry was submitted by Onnu Ltd to Herefordshire Council in August 2023 for a similar but smaller 'Green Hub' waste processing facility for a site in a different area in South Herefordshire. Whilst this was given a positive response it related to a site adjacent to an established small industrial site. (This is not the case here) It was also a proposed development which will look to utilise waste from farms within 15 minutes' drive of the site. (This is not the case here).

Overdevelopment

Biodiversity Net Gain:

The application refers to Marlbrook BNG 2 Headline Results.

I challenge the Biodiversity Net Gain when the 25000 tonnes of waste will need to be transported to the site. The PDA statement states that there will be 6 HGVs per day (1.11). The impact of these lorries on the environment to carry the waste needs to be considered. This is not part of the BNG calculations.

I hope that you will kindly consider these aspects in your deliberations over the application .

Kind regards

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Jan Potter