

Chief Executive
South Kesteven DC - Copy to The Chief Planning Officer:

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**CPRE Objection - Planning Application S24/0568
Development East Of Sewstern Industrial Estate South Of Sewstern Road Gunby**

I write on behalf the charity's membership in Lincolnshire and Rutland to submit strong objections to the above Anaerobic Digester proposal. CPRE the countryside charity in principle endorses such development provided it is of an **appropriate scale** and in an **appropriate location**, as well as being **supported by a substantial majority of the local community impacted by the development**. This is **clearly not the case** with this proposal.

CPRE notes that all of the impacted parish councils **do not support** the planning proposal and that there is **little evidence** of positive resident response from any resident or local business **without a pecuniary interest**. Indeed there are a statistically significant number of community objectors.

The charity's objections may categorised as follows:

Such a huge development will have an unacceptable **impact on the rural countryside** close to the development. It will be highly visible for some distance and of a greater scale than any other in the UK.

As greenfield land in agricultural use, the proposed site is clearly unsuitable for such a large scale development. There is little evidence of researched consideration of better alternative sites such as brown field land, or those located near main roads, as required by planning policy.

The Project's Transport Impact Assessment appears flawed and fails to acknowledge the likely consequences of a significant increase in numbers of HGVs and other vehicles in that location and beyond, along with the impact on road safety for all road users, not just those who drive cars.

The environmental impact of the projected noise levels and degradation of air quality resulting from the ongoing operations of the AD plant can only be detrimental to the quality of life likely to be created for local residents.

This proposal is simply about profit and will **not be benefitting the local community** in any way as the gas produced is for industry elsewhere in the country. Furthermore, the need for such significant amounts of feedstock, in no way supports **UK farms or UK food security**.

CPRE therefore urges members of the SKDC Planning Committee to refuse this application.

Regards

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