

Agenda Item 5.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING REGULATION COMMITTEE – 4 December 2013

Head of Planning – county map showing location of all planning agenda items attached.

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5.2	<p><u>Applicant</u> owns and manages over 1200 acres of arable farmland on that estate. The maize would be grown on the estate following the norms of crop rotation for best yield</p> <p>The bulk of the farm estate is situated off roads which would be used to deliver the maize to site. This is no different from the routes used when harvesting crop and delivering it to the grain storage facilities, and would represent an increase in the amount of arm traffic.</p> <p>There are a variety of locations within a five mile radius that could be used to provide the chicken litter and we will enter into a formal agreement if planning is successful.</p> <p><u>Local Residents</u> further comments have been received from local residents whose comments are already captured in the report. The comments are as follows (summarised):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question why cattle manure is being removed from the site and does not appear to be included in the proposal but chicken manure would be imported to the site• Consider that too much of an assumption is made regarding the prevailing wind direction from the South-West and contend that on many occasions the wind will blow from other directions.• Do not consider the application meets the criteria of the relevant policies of the development plan nor the National Planning Policy Framework. In particular draw out the locational criteria that it must be sited on a site used as an intensive livestock unit.• Also concerned that the site will be illuminated and fear the impact this would cause.• Have viewed the Committee Report and wish to object to this recommendation as the relevant traffic data has not been properly addressed.• Calculated potential traffic movements associated with importing 11,000 tons of maize to the site to be one trailer every 20 minutes for up to 12 hours per day, 7 days per week, plus movements to educational centre and 9,000 tonnes of digestate to be removed during planting season.• Concerned that traffic data for the proposed development and current movements have not been forthcoming from the applicant. Note that
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	<p>the farm and fields have been rented out for some time and consequently conclude the applicant is operating a property rental business and not an operational farm which is why the traffic data for the farm is not available.</p> <p>To date the necessary highway data to assess the application against relevant policies has not been provided and therefore the application is invalid.</p> <p><u>Head of Planning Response</u> – the applicant has not suggested that the anaerobic digestive plant is in connection with intensive livestock units and lack of compliance with this locational element of policy WLP11 is addressed in the Committee Report.</p> <p>Secondly, it is not proposed that the plant is illuminated and this is addressed by a condition prohibiting any external lighting.</p> <p>In respect of highways, the Highway Officer has acknowledged that as a result of this proposal it is likely that vehicle movements in the locality will increase and that by bringing maize to store at the farm will concentrate those movements at the application site.</p> <p>Concludes that if there is little or no evidence of any existing issues from the existing extensive farm use, it is unlikely that the additional use proposed will have any detrimental effect on the highway network.</p>
5.3	<p><u>Applicant</u> – has provided a revised Flood Risk Assessment to address the issues of the Environment Agency to confirm a 600 mm freeboard allowance above existing site levels.</p>