

GROWTH HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE – MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING

REPORT OF SITE MONITORING VISIT

SITE: Barley Brigg Farm AD, Laxfield Road, Stradbroke
Grid Reference: TL6822844858
Post Code: IP21 5NQ

OPERATOR: Mathew McDowall, Site Manager

DATE OF VISIT: 11 February 2020

NATURE OF INSPECTION: Monitoring

TIME ON SITE: 20mins (12.20 – 12.40)

CASE REFERENCE NUMBER(S): MS/3892/15

BREACHES OF PLANNING CONTROL:

Condition 15 – Within and 12 month period only the following feedstocks shall be brought into and processed at the site

- a) Energy crops (4500 tonnes)**
- b) Sugar beet pulp (4000 tonnes)**
- c) Chicken litter (2000 tonnes)**
- d) Apple pulp (2500 tonnes)**
- e) Herbs (2000 tonnes)**
- f) On site slurry**
- g) On site Digestate**

REMEDY AND TIMESCALE FOR ACTION:

Condition 15 – A Variation of Condition application needs to be submitted to the WPA by the 30th April 2020

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

1. The road way up to the site has been resurfaced and is in very good order. The weighbridge and office are in good order. Very little has changed on site.
2. Noise from the feed hopper was evident, this runs for approximately 10 minutes each hour.
3. The two digesters are in good order with the bases in green and the domes in cream/grey.
4. A concrete hardstanding runs between the digesters and the generators with the separator at the northern end.
5. The noise attenuation barrier has been fitted to the dryers and the noise monitoring did not show a breach of the levels. No complaints have been received this year
6. **Due to there being an increase in crop feed stocks the clamps are stacked with a larger than usual amount of feedstock, this is not in line with the details of Condition 15 and so an application for this change is now urgent. The stocks are covered with a green tarpaulin weighted with tyres.**
7. The slurry lagoon to the north of the access road has now been covered over.
8. The ecological aftercare visit will happen in May/June to check on the planting. The bund on the northern side of the site, where it was thought the planting had died do appear to have survived. The green fence just can't be maintained in the high winds on such an exposed spot.

9. Whilst the intension is to remove the majority of guards they will be kept on the planting on the northern bund.
10. An application is currently being considered by the MPA for the replacement and extension of the office buildings with a maintenance building, mess and further offices.

Date of report: 2 March 2020

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For the Director of Growth Highways & Infrastructure