



31 May 2023

Ms Tracy Martin
Parish Office
Fen Road
Timberland
Lincolnshire
LN4 3SD

Re: Consultation on plans for biofuel plant at Walcott Farm

Dear Ms Martin,

We are writing to you to outline Advanced Fuel Partners' ("AFP") plans, in collaboration with our partner Warrendale Farms ("Warrendale"), for a Biofuel Plant at Walcott Farm in South Lincolnshire. Warrendale has operated a highly successful poultry business at Walcott Farm for a number of years, in addition to four other poultry farms in the local area.

AFP and Warrendale have now submitted a scoping request to Lincolnshire County Council in advance of a full planning application.

The Biofuel Plant at Walcott Farm would use Anaerobic Digestion ("AD") technology to generate around 100GWh of renewable biomethane gas through the remediation of approximately 120,000 tonnes of agricultural manures each year. In addition, the facility will use onsite carbon capture technology to capture around 11,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide ("CO₂") each year, available to be utilised within sectors such as the domestic food and drink industries.

The proposal represents a £30m investment into Lincolnshire's agricultural economy and will significantly reduce carbon emissions in the agricultural sector by providing a sustainable, long-term solution for the management of local manures.

A surge in domestic poultry demand, coupled with increasing environmental restrictions for the spreading of raw manures, has created the need for an environmentally friendly treatment source for such manures. AD offers this, with the resultant biomethane from the remediation of these manures being one of the few energy sources which is both domestically produced and provides net negative carbon intensity energy.

The government is supporting this approach by creating an incentive under the Green Gas Support Scheme to utilise manure in AD.

The positive impacts of the development include:

- Solution for agricultural waste manures
- Creation of biofertilisers which are superior to manures/artificial fertilisers
- Support for local agriculture
- Capture of CO₂ to help address the UK shortage
- Significant Net Zero contribution
- Local economic impact and community benefit fund





In order to ensure that local communities are fully informed about our ambitions for the site, we will shortly be launching a community consultation to showcase our plans in greater detail. We will distribute leaflets to local recipients, which will include a link to a virtual consultation that contains more detail about our proposals. We also intend to set up a community benefit fund and would like to get feedback from the community on how this should operate.

Furthermore, we will be hosting an in-person consultation event prior to the submission of our planning application. Members of our project team, from various disciplines, will be in attendance to answer questions. Prior to the start of the event, we will be offering a preview session to key stakeholders, to which we warmly invite you to view the plans in advance.

We want to make certain that residents, businesses and other interested parties are able to provide their feedback on the proposals. The opportunity to submit feedback will be available via both the Virtual Exhibition and at the in-person consultation event. People will also be able to get in touch via our contact channels on the invitation leaflet.

We look forward to showcasing our plans and hope you will take the opportunity to participate in the consultation process in due course. We will write to you again as we launch our wider public consultation process so that you are fully informed.

Additionally, given your role in the community we would like to offer you the opportunity to meet the team and learn more about our proposals in advance of the pre-application consultation period being launched.

Should this be of interest, and you would like to meet with the project team to discuss the proposals, please do not hesitate to call our Freephone information line, 0800 298 7040, or email us at feedback@consultation-online.co.uk.

We would welcome the opportunity to directly discuss our plans with you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dominic Hemy
Vice President

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Sebastian Speight
Managing Director

