

# Public Consultation Summary

## Acorn Bioenergy

### Three Maids Anaerobic digestion plant proposals

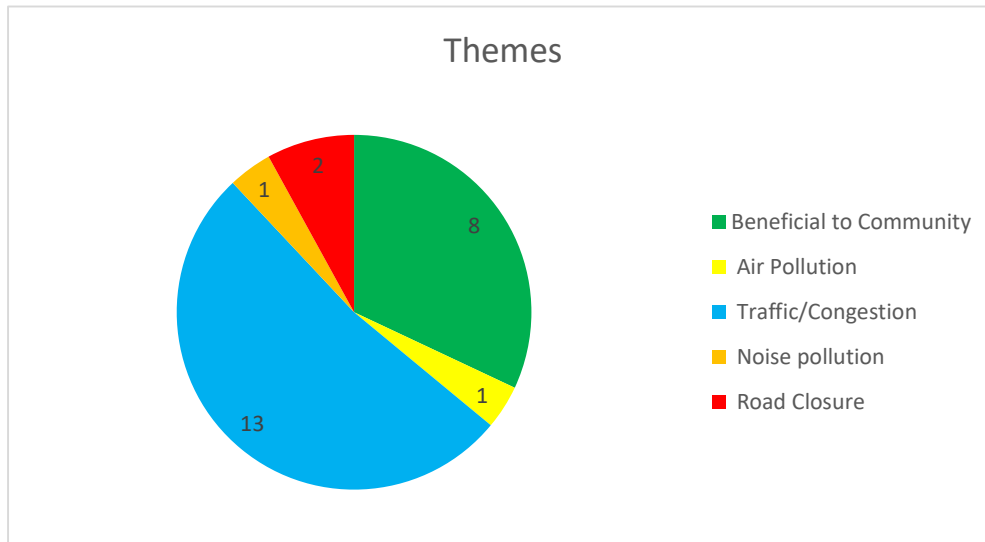
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- A public exhibition took place at Millennium Memorial Hall, on Thursday 14 July between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.
- A letter was distributed to 1161 households and businesses in the surrounding areas.
- Overall, 79 people attended.
- Of the people who attended, 55 signed in and 8 filled in a feedback form on the day. Several people took feedback forms and freepost envelopes away with them, as of 21 July 2022 7 more feedback forms have been received in the post.
- Out of those who have filled in feedback forms 7 are supportive, 5 are neutral and one said that they have concerns.
- The key themes that people discussed at the exhibition, which are further detailed below were:
  - General support for the proposals
  - The amount of traffic being generated by the plant,
  - Whether the traffic would go through Littleton, Crawley, Harestock and other villages
  - Impact on Littleton stud,
  - Visual impact
- The feedback forms available at the event asked attendees if they were in favour of renewable energy generation locally; 11 out of 12 people who answered said yes and one did not answer.

- The feedback form also asked residents their preferred form of energy generation, this generated a wide amount of responses. 9 people selected solar, 8 selected wind, 8 people selected biogas, 2 selected nuclear and 2 selected gas.

**Key themes raised:**



**Selection of comments received in feedback forms:**

**Traffic congestion concerns:**

- “Concerned at the potential impact of this project on the Andover Road, creating more traffic, more HGVs and noise and air pollution. Can you confirm to me how many more vehicles will be travelling on the Andover Road once the site is live.”
- “Traffic generated to bring in bio-mass and tankers to take the gas away after. No figures were given for the number of vehicles anticipated and how wide the collection area is.”
- “Concerns about traffic through Littleton. Can this be officially/legally constrained to always go via A34 rather than village?”
- “My concerns are: 1. slow moving vehicles approaching from the NW along the A272 will create a hazard. This is a straight road, so vehicles are tempted to speed along it, but the undulating nature of the road means that approaching vehicles are hidden. There have been a number of accidents over the years, some of them fatal. 2. large vehicles may attempt to approach through the local villages, especially Littleton and Crawley, using roads that are not suitable for them.”
- “Concerns are the number of vehicles movements in supplying materials/feedstock to the AD. What plans would be in place to avoid single track roads in nearby villages? What involvement will the villages have in controlling the traffic issue?”
- “DON’T WANT ANY HGV’S THROUGH VILLAGES.”

**Beneficial to community/supportive:**

- “I was impressed by the proposed project and I enthusiastically endorse your proposal. I believe that we will need to try energy renewable technology both tried and tested and emerging to tackle anthropogenic climate change.”
- “I am very much in favour of the Anaerobic digestion plan being given planning permission to be constructed at three Maids Hill roundabout.”
- “The AD in the manner proposed is strongly supported and to be encouraged.”
- “I’m happy with the proposals. It seems a great use of redundant farmland with good access to the road network via the A36 junction.”

- “WinACC will encourage members to support the plans subject to reviewing the full planning application, and to observe a full process of local community consultation.”
- “Great idea.”

**Observations from conversations with attendees:**

- There was a good amount of support received on the day, very few people had outright objections. The main issue was traffic, specifically ensuring that Littleton and other surrounding villages will not see HGV traffic movements come through their roads.
- Only one person so far has raised smell as an issue. Additionally very few people at the exhibition raised this as a concern.

**More photos:**











Consultation area:



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