

DEAL FARM AD PLANT.

Winfarthing Parish Council would like to make the following comments on this application due to the unsuitability of the infrastructure of minor country roads and lanes to handle the expected increase in traffic volume and the impact of road safety to residents and children in our village.

A major item of concern is the huge increase in traffic movements which will be needed to service the digester. Construction traffic has already impacted on our village, along the B1077, and single track lane (Dog Lane) to access the plant. This road is completely unsuitable, with no passing places, indeed the road edges and verges are already being eroded. The ongoing damage to this road will be costly and fall on rate payers for many years to come. We feel these costs should be met by the applicant or a new access road constructed at the developer's expense.

We would ask Highways to look closely at the impact this industrial development will have on villages in the area.

The B1077 passes through the length of Winfarthing and passes the village primary school. Parents are being encouraged to walk their children to school, thus speed limits should be lowered and time restrictions placed on access to the plant. A 20mph. section should be put in place outside the school. Again, the developer should pay for this, as otherwise it will fall on Winfarthing Parish Council to fund this work from a very limited precept.

As Winfarthing is a linear village nearly every property in the village will be impacted by the increase in heavy traffic, it is already difficult to exit some driveways safely. By lowering the speed of traffic between Shelfanger and Winfarthing, extending the 30mph. through Short Green and past Dog Lane junction, 20mph. outside the school, and timed access this might help alleviate some of the problems and create a safer environment for everyone.

Timed access should not only take into account school start and finish times, but also not be allowed during evenings, overnight and early mornings.

We feel that this development is not suitable for the location due to its industrial nature and lack of suitable road infrastructure.