



Land To The North Of Spring Grove Farm, Withersfield

SCC/0045/23SE - SDCC 2586

Transport Statement Response

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Background

The document reviewed is a Transport Statement titled "Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility Spring Grove Green Power. The document is dated August 2023. The application reference is SCC/0045/23SE and is an application for Construction and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility, associated infrastructure and new access road, connecting pipeline and covered digestate lagoons. It is located on the Land to the north of Spring Growth Farm, Withersfield and is located west of Haverhill, Suffolk. The proposed development would consist of approximately 11.2ha.

Local Highway Network

The site's access is on the A1307 which is a 60mph road. This road connects Haverhill to Cambridge therefore is a locally a strategic highway network.

Accident Data

The Transport Statement has only considered accident data in Suffolk this is unacceptable as the development effects the Cambridgeshire's highway network as well. On Cambridgeshire's highways using the official Cambridgeshire County Council data portal is shows that in the last 60 months there have been 1 fatal accident, 4 serious accidents and 2 slight accidents. These all on the A1307 in proximity to the site. This needs to be reassessed in a future Transport Assessment to assess the safety of the site. The link below provided is for Cambridgeshire County Council accident data portal. <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/roads-transport-and-active-travel/cambridgeshire-collision-data/>.



Trip Generation and Distribution

Traffic Counts have been included in the Transport Statement but for a development of this size a full trip generation is required for a full assessment that the proposed site may have on the local highway network. Therefore, as the application stands this unacceptable and will need to be revised.

Trip Generations specification for SCC/0045/23SE:

- Due to the planning proposals in Figure 1-1 showing that HGV and tractor trips are far higher in the harvest season specifically in June/July and September/ October therefore trips vary depending on different seasons. Thus, the developer is required to outline the daily and AM and PM peak trip generation figures for the busiest period which is the harvest season in this scenario June/ July or September/ October. This should also include the trip generation from employees.
- Details of the distribution of trips to and from the site are requested. This is to understand the level of trips on the A1307 within Cambridgeshire.
- Subject to the above additional assessment of key junctions may be required.

Conclusion

The application as submitted does not include sufficient information for the Highway Authority to consider this application fully. Accident data need to be revisited as there have been fatal and serious accidents that have not been accounted for in a Transport Statement. Trip generation and distribution details have not been undertaken for the site and future year scenarios have also not been undertaken.

The Highway Authority therefore requests that this application not to be determined until such time as the additional information as requested above has been submitted and reviewed.

The applicant should refer to Cambridgeshire County Council's Transport Assessment Requirements so that the proposed development meets the necessary criteria.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/transport-assessment-requirements.pdf>.