

Pre-Application Consultation

Construction of biomass fuelled renewable energy facility

Scottow Road, Scottow

We are currently working with a number of local farmers to establish a small renewable energy facility near Coltishall airfield (NR10 5DP). We would like to invite you to a pre-application Open Day Exhibition on Wednesday, 2nd November 2011 from 2pm to 8pm. This consultation is to consider relevant issues prior to a planning application being submitted.

The plant will take biomass break crops grown on local farms and stored on site to produce both clean energy and a valuable soil improver. Gas is produced from this biomass using a completely natural process (known as anaerobic digestion), which takes place in airtight tanks. This gas is converted into electricity in a sound proofed generator and the power fed directly into the national grid, via underground cables.

Farmers are keen for economically viable break crops that can grow well and also present an opportunity to improve soil quality; this is where we can help. Our plant produces a valuable, odourless, organic fertiliser, which local farmers can use and by creating a stable market for local crops, we prevent farmers having to transport their goods long distances. The break crops will fit into the normal agricultural rotation, helping farmers to manage their land responsibly, reducing chemical inputs and increasing yields.

The site will have a number of full-time staff and also create part time opportunities. In addition the project creates a demand for local trades and services. The proposal would offer an opportunity for local school visits to help educate children about sustainable energy and farming. Through the Parish Council we would also like the development to benefit as many local residents as possible and are working with the Parish Council on providing this.

Members of the public are welcome to come along and we will answer any queries regarding the development at our Open Day on the 2nd November between 2pm and 8pm at the North Walsham Rugby Club, Norwich Road. Further to this, please send us your comments by emailing william@oakgroverenewables.co.uk or by calling 01483 688 063.