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North Lincolnshire Council
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Ashby Road
Scunthorpe
DN16 1AB

Our ref: AN/2014/120705/01-L01

Your ref: WD/2014/1291

Date: 12 December 2014

FAO Nicholas Lawrence

Dear Mr Lawrence

Planning permission to vary Condition 17 on previously approved application WD/2012/1336 dated 01/03/2013 to 'with the exception of urgent maintenance requirements or unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority, material shall be imported to or exported from the site only between the hours of 07:00 and 19:00 on any day'
Hibaldstow Airfield, Redbourne Road, Hibaldstow

Thank you for referring the above application, on 26 November 2014.

We have no objections to the proposal.

We did not request Condition 17 and our records show that the applicant has not applied for an environmental permit: the condition therefore has no relevance to us. If the applicant subsequently required a permit (i.e. the process used a waste feedstock) then noise control measures would need to be incorporated into their written management system.

Our previous advice on application WD/2012/1336 still applies:

Any crop which is grown specifically for digestion in an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant, to produce energy, is not a waste. If the input materials to an AD plant are non-wastes, the status of each of the output materials as a waste or non-waste will depend on the circumstances. Assuming that the main purpose of the plant is to recover energy from the biogas produced, the biogas will always be a non-waste. In order to be considered as a non-waste the other output material must meet three tests. These are that it must be i) certain to be used, ii) without any prior processing, and iii) as part of a continuing process of production. In those circumstances a permit or exemption would not be required.

If the farming break crops are not being grown specifically for the biomass facility then the feedstock used on site will be categorised as waste. This will result in the facility requiring an environmental permit. If the feedstock is not specifically grown for the site and deemed a waste product, then any spreading of the digestate will also require a land spreading permit.

Proof of contract/agreements with the local farmers/ landowners will be required.

Guidance on anaerobic digestion and Environmental Permitting can be found on our website at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/sectors/37338.aspx>

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Kisby on the number below.

Yours sincerely

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