

# Castle Eaton Parish Council

## Planning Application - Anaerobic Digester Plant

An application has been made to build an addition anaerobic digester together with ancillary works at Castle Eaton Farm, as below:

*Erection of 1no. additional digester; installation of replacement silage clamps, construction of an effluent lagoon and rainwater lagoon, new separation area and digester offtake, relocation of 2no. existing feed hoppers, erection of a welfare/office building and flare stack, installation of a weighbridge and erection of a replacement gas upgrader unit/ network entry facility/ Carbon Dioxide (CO2) sequestration area.*

Full details of the planning application are available at Swindon Borough Council's Public Access system <http://pa1.swindon.gov.uk/publicaccess> under application number **S/20/1685**

The Parish Council is concerned that the further expansion of the existing plant will have a detrimental impact on the village and surrounding areas, and to this end, it proposes to submit a detailed list of objections to Swindon BC.

However, the Parish Council would encourage individuals to make their own representations to Swindon BC by emailing them at [sbcadc@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:sbcadc@swindon.gov.uk) prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

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## Parish Council Meeting

Due to the Village Hall remaining closed, in compliance with the current Covid-19 restrictions, the next Parish Council meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> February, will be held 'remotely'.

The meeting is open to all and full details on how to access the meeting via Zoom can be found at the Parish Council's website <https://castleatonpc.org.uk/>

## Dog Fouling

There has been a marked increase in dog fouling in and around the village. It would appear that there is a small minority of dog owners that are blatantly flouting the law.

All dog owners have a duty to clear-up and properly dispose of any faeces, as failure to do so is illegal, antisocial and a potential health hazard.

Swindon Borough Council state:

***“Any person in charge of a dog must immediately remove faeces if the dog defecates at any time on public land. The faeces should be appropriately disposed of either at home, in a dog waste bin or any general litter bin.”***

***“If the faeces have been picked up but the bag has not been properly disposed, then this may be a littering offence and can be reported...”***

The Parish Council will actively support the prosecution of any individual found to be in breach of Swindon Borough Council’s byelaws.

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## Environmental Group

Several villagers have remarked on the dreadful amount of litter on the verges and in the ditches on the roads out of Castle Eaton towards Lushill and particularly Kempsford.

Due to the current restrictions, the Environmental Group haven't been able to organise a community litter-pick as planned, but EG volunteers have been out litter picking individually on all the roads and lanes. Two volunteers have currently been doing a huge clean-up, over several weekends, on the roads towards Kempsford.

We are looking to purchase further equipment, which can be loaned to any villagers who would like to get involved in litter-picking. Contact with the Environmental Group can be made by way of the Parish Council’s website <https://castleatonpc.org.uk/> or by email to the Parish Clerk, Teresa Whyborn, at [teresawhyborn@btinternet.com](mailto:teresawhyborn@btinternet.com).

Finally, please report any incidences of fly-tipping to Swindon B C <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20023/environmental-problems/28/report-fly-tipping-or-dumped-rubbish> or the Parish Clerk.