

Submission ID: 14668

Further to my representation dated 14 March 2022:

"The Anaerobic Digester Plant at Bay Farm producing methane requires the same land as the Solar Farm for the disposal of the by-product of liquid and solid digestates, supplying vital fertilizer for the production of vegetables and for 30% of the maize feedstock grown for the digestors. The light land in question is fully irrigated and the liquid digestate is distributed by the farm irrigation main to land under their control. Digestate when applied to the land locks up carbon.â€•

and to my submission 13873:

"Is the Inspectorate aware that the two solar farms at Worlington use land required for the disposal of LVD (liquid vegetable digestate) and the growing of 200 hectares of maize feed stock"

I wish to add the following:

"The war in the Ukraine has completely changed the situation, the AD Plant is now producing much needed Gas for the grid plus 40,000 tonnes of LVD (liquid vegetable digestate) and 10 tonnes of SVD (solid vegetable digestate) so replacing manufactured fertiliser and locking-up Carbon as humus.

The main issue is that the two solar farms at Worlington will reduce the area for growing maize locally and lead to Upton Suffolk Farms not having enough land under their control on which to spread the LVD thus requiring it to be taken off site by tanker in order to keep the AD plant in production.

Totally different to the original planning consent given to Strutt Parker Farms where it was assumed that the LVD was to remain on land under the control of Upton Suffolk Farms to be distributed off road via the irrigation main.