

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: COMBINED APPEALS UNDER SECTION 78 (PLANNING) AND SECTION 174 (ENFORCEMENT)

<b>Site Address:</b>	Crouchland Farm, Rickmans Lane, Kirdford, West Sussex, RH14 0LE
<b>PLANNING APPEAL</b>	
<b>Description of Development:</b> Proposed upgrade of an existing anaerobic digester facility to enable the export of biomethane to the national gas grid, installation of a new digestion tank, two new CHP engines, digestate lagoon and associated infrastructure.	
<b>Application reference:</b>	WSCC/042/14/PS
<b>ENFORCEMENT APPEAL</b>	
<b>Description of Breaches:</b>	
<b>CDC Ref. PS/54</b>	Without planning permission, material change of use of the land to a mixed use for agriculture and for the purposes of a commercial biogas plant, including the importation and processing of feedstock and waste from outside the farm unit.
<b>CDC Ref. PS/55</b>	Without planning permission (in summary), the installation of various anaerobic digestion equipment, construction of a digestate lagoon and associated works including pipework and an earth bund.
<b>Appellant's name:</b>	Crouchland Biogas Ltd.
<b>Appeal references:</b>	APP/P3800/X/15/3137735 (planning) APP/L3815/C/15/3133236 & APP/L3815/C/15/3133237(enforcement)
<b>Appeal start date:</b>	10 November 2015

I write to inform you that the combined Inquiry into the above appeals will start at **10.00am on Tuesday 25 April 2017** and is expected to continue for six, non-consecutive days, namely:

- Tuesday 25 April,
- Wednesday 26 April,
- Thursday 27 April,
- Friday 28 April,
- Wednesday 3 May, and
- Thursday 4 May 2017.

It will be held in the **Conference Suite at Brinsbury Campus, North Heath, Pulborough RH20 1DL.**

The appeals will be determined through the **Inquiry** procedure. The procedure to be followed is set out in the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiry Procedure) (England) Rules 2000, as amended, and the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2002.

We have forwarded all of the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

Members of the public may attend the Inquiry. Although you do not have a legal right to speak, the Inspector will normally allow you to do so. A guide to taking part in Inquiries can

be requested from West Sussex County Council (using the details above) or downloaded from the planning portal website:

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/514292/taking-part\\_planning-inquiry\\_April\\_2016.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/514292/taking-part_planning-inquiry_April_2016.pdf)

The Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 6 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, will attend at the place, date and time shown above to decide the appeal. The Inspector appointed is K Peerless DipArch RIBA.

Appeal documents are available for inspection on our website ([www.westsussex.gov.uk/eplanning](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/eplanning)) or at County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RH during normal office hours.

When made, the decision will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>) and our own website (details above).

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Yours faithfully



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