

- 1 Question a) The safeguarding of WS16 is not compatible with the lifespan of the local plan. It is a farm under private ownership and as such is free to change feedstocks at any time. The use of farm feedstocks would mean the site is no different to other farms in Kirklees, which accept animal feed. Other farms with slurry lagoons and accepting animal feed have not been safeguarded as waste sites. Indeed the Environment Agency require de-commissioning at the end of use of the plant to return the site back to original use and this safe-guarding is in direct conflict with this.
- 2 Question b) The designation of a waste site has an impact on place shaping a subarea. The Dearne Valley is a beautiful gateway to the South Pennines. There are currently many nearby tourism hubs, e.g. Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Kirklees Light Railway, Cawthorne and Cannon Hall, Holmfirth, etc. which have accelerated other tourism uses, e.g. holiday lets. The allocation and safeguarding of WS16 is detrimental to the character and opportunities within the area, as adjacent land has to be considered for “like-minded businesses”.
- 3 At least 5 representations have been omitted from “Representations received on the Kirklees Publication Draft Local Plan PDLP Allocations and Designations” regarding WS16.
- 4 The designation of an on-farm anaerobic digestion facility as waste does not recognise the contribution that farm diversification can have on the future growth and development of sub areas within the borough. It is incorrectly Place Shaping a rural tourism area as a waste site and this will influence future adjacent planning permissions, since they must not detract from safeguarding the waste use.

House of Lords Library Notice Rural Economy: Key Statistics and Recent Developments. April 2016 states the rural economy contributes £229 billion to rural England’s total Gross Value Added.
- 5 Proposed modification to delete WS16.