

Matter 3 Forecasts and for the need for new facilities

Policy 3 Sites allocated for waste management development

- 1 Cranborne Chase AONB Partnership points out that the allocation at Blandford does not accord with National Policy. A major development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that does not have a compelling need to be within an AONB contradicts NPPF paragraphs 115 and 116. The associated increases in HGV and private car movements would conflict with the character and tranquillity of this AONB. The Council is contradicting policies it has adopted in the AONB Management Plan.

Policy 4 Applications for waste management facilities not allocated in the waste plan

- 2 The Cranborne Chase AONB Partnership is concerned that the provision for anaerobic digestion facilities in agricultural settings could bring forward proposals within the AONB that would involve the importation of waste or specially grown green feedstock. That additional heavy traffic, whether HGVs or large agricultural vehicles and trailers, would impact adversely on the characteristics of the AONB.
- 3 The AONB Partnership Board at its meeting on 16th October 2016 clearly set out its position:

*‘The Panel endorsed the **principle** that the nation’s finest landscapes, which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty, are not places for the importation of waste for treatment, processing, or disposal’.*
- 4 The experience of the AONB Team is that anaerobic facilities tend to be oversized and in order to keep them running efficiently additional material has to be imported. In addition there are significant movements of heavy tankers taking the residue from the digestion process to disposal sites.
- 5 The AONB supports local scale composting and anaerobic digestion where these minimise transport and comply with the three elements of ‘from the farm, on the farm, for the farm’. Clearly ‘from the farm’ means that materials come from the farm and the ‘on the farm’ mean that the processing is there, on site. The ‘for the farm’ means that the product is used on the farm and there is not extra transport distributing to sites further away.