

Richard Playle, Chairman and behalf of Witham Allotment and Leisure Gardeners operating at the site off Cut Throat Lane.

We fully understand the requirement to increase current sources of energy to meet demand and understand why the site in question is of interest for development.

In 2020 along with our Secretary I met with a representative from Conrad Energy. We were pleased that many questions were answered, concerns taken on board which resulted in the original site plans being amended to cover points that had been discussed.

However, one very important question remains outstanding and we feel must be answered before this development is passed and allowed to proceed. "What effect could any output produced by the generators have on the nearest neighbours being the Allotment Community and their produce".

We have been provided with information from Conrad which shows examples where such by-products are captured and then used as a benefit in the Horticulture Industry in the form of heating. But at these plants the materials concerned would need to be treated first.

Because we are just the other side of the fence it is felt that our health and safety must be considered by carrying out the correct surveys. Then the results evaluated before planning permission is allowed to be granted.