

9th October 2017

Ref: 17/0082/STMAJW. Proposed incinerator for disposal of equine carcasses. Fourways Farm, Waterlane Oakridge Gloucestershire GL6 7PH

The Cotswolds Conservation Board (the Board) wishes to make the following comments on this proposal.

The site lies within the Cotswolds AONB. Section 85 of the CRoW Act 2000 states that "a relevant authority shall have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty". Furthermore, Paragraph 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) advises that 'great weight' should be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in AONBs.

The site for the incinerator is located within an existing agricultural building within a farm yard. It is the Board's opinion that should Gloucestershire County Council be minded to approve the application consideration should be given to the following

- The proposed flue should be painted a dark colour in order to minimise the impact on the surrounding landscape and reduce glint which could result from a galvanised flue
- All exterior lighting should be kept to a minimum. The cumulative impact of local lighting schemes, for example for security purposes, can lead to loss of dark skies, which the Board are keen to retain wherever possible. Please refer to our [Tranquillity and Dark Skies Position Statement](#).