



Anglian Water, Again?

Yes, Anglian Water have submitted another planning application.

What is it this time?

They want to start a green waste composting site within the existing sewage works in Lower Ecton Lane.

Is this a good thing?

It **could** be good for the Environment. More recycling is good. Green Waste in Northants currently goes to Nottingham, so less CO2 used to transport it.

Last time they expanded, didn't they try to increase their odours? Didn't we spend 18 months fighting them?

Yes. We successfully fought and changed that planning application. In May 2008 WNDC imposed planning conditions on Anglian Water forcing them to reduce their then existing odour problems by 30 percent.

So have they submitted a wonderful, considerate planning application that won't have any impact on our hard won victory?

Not sure yet. Their application coyly promises "... the composting facility will not exacerbate the existing situation at the WwTW with respect to odour nuisance". The problem is the word 'existing'. The data they have submitted clearly describes the odour 'situation' in 2007. That is before 30% reduction promised by the planning conditions, which even now have not yet been fully implemented. Therefore it is vital that you complain to Anglian Water (0800 145 145) if the smell comes up into the Village, or if you smell AW when visiting the petrol station or Billing Garden Centre. We all know it is much better already, but it is not perfect yet, and they have had a few failures while building their new odour systems. **YOU MUST COMPLAIN WHEN THEY GET IT WRONG!**

What are CLEAN doing about this?

By the time you read this, CLEAN will have visited a combined sewage farm and composting site in Leeds that Anglian Water names in their application. CLEAN will also have met with the Environment Agency who are keen to know about AW's past with us. We are in an ongoing conversation with the Planners and with Ecton, Cogenhoe and Great Billing parish councils.

What can I do?

Please look at the CLEAN website before the 15th of July. If we conclude that the composting site will bring the smells back to previous levels, we want your support by downloading an objection letter and sending it to WNDC. The CLEAN website is:

<http://clean.ectonvillage.co.uk>

Is this anything to do with the black bin waste site?

No, this is still in the pipeline, and it's not Anglian Water, it's Northampton County Council. CLEAN and Jim Bass met with them in May and have got themselves on the main liason committee. At the moment, NCC's first choice is to use a contractor in another county. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Val Westall has sent an e-mail to the Ecton Village Website

Hi there what a brilliant site !!! My maiden name was Simcoe a distant relative of Horace Simcoe. I know that Horace was headmaster of the school poss around 1922 . horace stayed here until his retirement at 65 in 1953. He kept a rose garden at the school for many years. horace had married Elsie Winifred Dunkley in 1912 at Earls Barton. They had 1 child Dorothy who I met a few years ago. both Horace and Winifred died in 1954. Dorothy presented 2 candle sticks to Ecton church in memory of her father. Dorothy married at Ecton in 1945 to Harry Clements. Dorothy died in 2007 in Herts. I still have contact with her family. I do have a pic of Horace with a large Simcoe gathering in 1927 if this is of any use to you ,I can scan it. Good luck with the site Val Westall nee Simcoe