

The Wye Concordat

Response from WyeCycle

The proposal to revitalise the Wye Campus could be the worst possible thing to happen to the environment. It could also be the best possible thing, so long as the following conditions are agreed and adhered to.

- * All 'greenfield' land within the Wye Parish currently in agricultural production to remain so. Development to be restricted to land already 'brownfield', of which the campus has several acres.
- * All new buildings to be constructed to the highest globally available environmental standards.
- * Sufficient renewable energy provision to be put in place to meet all the energy (PV, wind, biomass) and fuel (biofuels) requirements of both campus and village.
- * Facilities to be put in place to ensure all solid (domestic, trade) and liquid (sewage) waste produced by both campus and village is processed to the highest available environmental standards.
- * The campus to have a strict local and fair trade purchasing policy for all of its food requirements.
- * The necessary infrastructure and financial carrots/sticks to be put in place to ensure that the vast majority of campus staff travel to work without use of a car.
- * No 'improvements' to be made in terms of road access to Wye.
- * No GM crops to be grown.

If all parties involved commit to the above principles, and be open to annual audit to ensure they are being adhered to, then the redevelopment of Wye Campus should be fully supported. Development along these lines would make Wye a shining example of how society needs to respond to the greatest challenge of the 21st Century; sustainable development. If they are unwilling to do this, the development should be resisted through whatever means necessary. WyeCycle call on the elected representatives of the village to base their response to this issue along the above lines.

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If you agree with any of the above, don't tell us, tell a councillor!

Ps. If we had all supported British Agriculture by paying a fair price for local food....As you sow, so shall you reap.