

PRESS RELEASE

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Minister visits Middlewich



The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Lord Henley, visited APS Salads Ltd. who have their Packing and Distribution Depot at Aston Way, Middlewich and was greeted by Fiona Bruce MP and Simon Edwards, Finance Director of APS Salads Ltd.

Fiona Bruce MP said:

“It is excellent to know that there is a family company in Middlewich at the forefront of green technology, employing 60 people packing tomatoes by them here in Cheshire in the most environmentally friendly way possible. The company uses a combined heat and power plant to grow their tomatoes, with an anaerobic digester so that once a tomato crop is picked all the remaining leaves are recycled and turned into gas with no waste and this heats the next crop of growing plants”.

Lord Henley came to visit the company to hear more about the innovative work of APS Salads in the developing field of anaerobic digestors. His visit included seeing the production site at Alderley Edge.

Simon Edwards, Finance Director of APS Salads Ltd said:

“Ours is a unique facility because there is no waste at all, unlike from many digestors, which produce sludge – even the water gets recycled”.

APS Salads and its founding company A Pearson and Sons have been pioneers of combined heat and power within the horticultural industry within in the UK. Their award winning and industry leading anaerobic digestion plant is a closed loop system, which enables them to produce carbon neutral tomatoes. This reduces their carbon footprint as a business and benefits the environment and local community. New product development is a key to their success and they now sell cucumbers, sweet peppers, chilli peppers and micro leaf basil.

The Energy and Climate Change Minister, Gregory Barker MP, has said:

“The Government are committed to increasing the amount of renewable heat in the UK; this is a crucial part of ensuring we meet our renewables targets, cutting carbon and ensuring energy security. We are committed to introducing measures to promote a huge increase in energy from waste through anaerobic digestion. Central to this will be work to facilitate an increase in the number of anaerobic digestion facilities producing biomethane from waste, which can be injected into the grid”.

Fiona Bruce MP also said:

“The Government has indicated that it introduce measures to facilitate a large increase in energy from waste through anaerobic digestion. It was clear confirmation that APS Salads Ltd are a leading edge company in this field that a Government Minister came to visit and understand more about their green technology”.

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