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Comments: Before approving the discharge of condition 15 regarding composting of human waste, we ask The Council to consider that small scale composting and use on private land is highly questionable, particularly on vegetable plots.

We do not believe acceptable protocols or safety guidelines are in place at this time as we have seen no evidential documentation. Please provide evidence of how safe small scale processing can be achieved in this case.

We consider the use of such compost on Padwick Farm without acceptable protocols and strict safety guidelines irresponsible. In particular please confirm the location of the ¿private vegetable garden¿ ¿ if it is the area of land adjacent to Padwick House garage then we strongly object to its use in that location. For health and safety reasons The Council should not allow the use of small scale human waste compost on this property and it should be disposed of in a responsible and regulated manner. It is our over-riding opinion that small scale composting of human waste is highly questionable and we note the following commentary:

¿In the home garden, composted human waste is considered to be unsafe for use around vegetables, berries, fruit trees or other edible plants. Although human waste is rich in plant-healthy nutrients, it also contains viruses, bacteria, and other pathogens that are not effectively removed by standard home composting processes. Although managing human waste at home is generally not sensible or responsible, large-scale composting facilities have the technology to process the waste at extremely high temperatures for extended lengths of time. The resulting product is heavily regulated and frequently tested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure bacteria and pathogens are below detectable levels

Read more at Gardening Know How: Composting Human Waste: Using Human Waste As Compost
https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/composting/ingredients/composting-human-waste.htm¿

Roger Jayes & Heather Owen, Joint Owners of Padwick House.