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SUMMARY

I BACKGROUND

United Utilities installed the Enhanced Enzymic Hydrolysis (EEH) process at Blackburn WwTW to produce enhanced treated sludge for agricultural recycling with financial support from EU LIFE. This study was carried out in order to demonstrate a proper Environmental Impact Assessment. This was done by a determination of whether it was the best available technology (BAT) and best practical environmental option (BPEO).

Enzymic hydrolysis involves heating the sludge to 42°C for 24 hours followed by a period at 55°C. The resultant sludge is then fed into a mesophilic anaerobic digester without secondary digestion. The digested sludge is dewatered and the cake recycled to agricultural land. The process has been designed to reduce pathogens numbers by 6 logs and, hence, produce an enhanced treated sludge.

II METHODOLOGY

WRc used the MASTAR computer programme to estimate and compare the costs and environmental impact of the following 7 processes:

1. Digestion (enhance enzymic hydrolysis and primary), dewatering and recycle to agricultural land
2. Digestion (primary and secondary), dewatering and recycle to agricultural land
3. Raw dewatering, lime treatment and recycle to agricultural
4. Raw dewatering, incineration and disposal of ash to landfill
5. Digestion (primary and secondary), dewatering, incineration and disposal of ash to landfill
6. Fermented cake (fermentation and dewatering) and recycle to agriculture
7. Cambi process, dewatering and recycle to agriculture

WRc also made an assessment of which of the seven processes would result in an enhanced treated sludge.

Data and performance assumptions used in the analysis were those agreed with United Utilities and from published sources.

III CONCLUSIONS

The sludge processes that could result in a log 6 kill of pathogens and, hence, produce an enhanced treated sludge that could be recycled to agriculture are:

- Enhanced hydrolysis followed by digestion,
- Lime treatment of raw sludge cake

- Cambi followed by digestion

The Enzymic hydrolysis/digestion option is most favourable in terms of combined cost and environmental impact for existing facilities if energy recovery from the sludge after the EH process replaces air cooling.

The Enzymic hydrolysis/digestion option, with energy recovery, and the Cambi digestion option are equally favourable in terms of combined cost and environmental impact for new facilities.

The use of air cooling for the Enzymic hydrolysis/digestion options puts it at a disadvantage when compared to Cambi/digestion in terms of combined cost and environmental impact but it remains equal to digestion alone and better than the other options assessed.

There is too much uncertainty to determine if the fermented cake process would achieve the required pathogen reduction. The process does produce volatile fatty acids (VFAs) that would provide biological phosphorus removal in a suitably designed activated sludge plant, but the value of this was not considered in this study.

The results of the study are based on assumptions agreed with United Utilities, including gas production and solids destruction through the Enzymic Hydrolysis process and published performance data from a Cambi system at Dublin Bay, Ireland (Pickworth B et al 2006).

1. INTRODUCTION

United Utilities installed the Enhanced Enzymic Hydrolysis (EEH) process as a preferred bolt-on upgrade for the Blackburn Digestion facility to guarantee enhanced treated sludge for agricultural recycling. This project was financially supported by EU LIFE in order to demonstrate best practice in sludge treatment in Europe. The process was selected for its combined advantage of simple yet robust operation and optimum enzyme activity at 55°C. The low pasteurizing temperature allows the plant to guarantee the minimum 6-log E. coli reduction using only low-grade heat. This is important, as it would enable any standard CHP scheme to use a greater proportion of the biogas for electricity production.

In order to demonstrate a proper Environmental Impact Assessment, WRc was commissioned to carry out a comparison of the EEH process with other sludge treatment processes to determine whether it was the best available technology (BAT) and best practical environmental option (BPEO) for the enhanced treatment of sludge at Blackburn WwTW.

WRc used the MASTAR computer program to estimate and compare the costs and environmental impact of the following 7 processes:

1. Digestion (primary and secondary), dewatering and recycle to agricultural land
2. Digestion (enhance enzymic hydrolysis and primary), dewatering and recycle to agricultural land
3. Raw dewatering, lime treatment and recycle to agricultural land
4. Raw dewatering, incineration and disposal of ash to landfill
5. Digestion (primary and secondary), dewatering, incineration and disposal of ash to landfill
6. Fermented cake (fermentation and dewatering) and recycle to agriculture
7. Cambi process, dewatering and recycle to agriculture

WRc also made an assessment of which of the seven processes would result in an enhanced treated sludge. Assumptions required for performances were agreed/modified by United Utilities.

This report contains the results of the BAT/BPEO assessment.

2. METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS

2.1 Methodology

The MASTAR computer program, outlined in Appendix A, was used to calculate and compare the environmental impact and costs of the sludge treatment processes assessed. The results from MASTAR were used to determine the BPEO.

The processes were assessed in terms of whether they would produce an enhanced treated sludge by considering the operating conditions of each sludge treatment process and referring to Section 2 of the WaterUK report “The Application of HACCP Procedures in the Water Industry: Biosolids Treatment and Use on Agricultural Land” (WaterUK, 2004, http://www.water.org.uk/static/files_archive/0WUK_Haccp_guide_FINAL_19_Mar_04.pdf).

2.2 Assumptions

The key assumptions regarding the initial sludge used for the assessment are contained in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Key assumptions regarding the initial sludge

Parameter	Assumed value
Sludge dry solids (tDS/d)	36.7
Sludge volume (m ³ /d)	540
Sludge solids conc (% wt/wt)	6.8
Sludge loss on ignition (LOI) (%)	70
Sludge type	Mixture of primary and waste activated sludge
Winter mean sludge temp (°C)	6
Spring mean sludge temp (°C)	10
Summer mean sludge temp (°C)	18
Autumn mean sludge temp (°C)	10
Nitrogen conc. (kg/tDS)	45
Proportion of nitrogen that is soluble (%)	3
Phosphorus conc (kg/tDS)	52 as P ₂ O ₅
Proportion of phosphorus that is soluble (%)	40% available year 1

Information on the energy balance for the Enzymic Hydrolysis process was determined from a document produced by United Utilities called “The Blackburn Energy Balance – Issues and

Potential” (Le, 2007). Information on the energy balance for the Cambi process was determined from published performance data for the Cambi process at Dublin Bay, Ireland, in September 2004 (Pickworth et al, 2006).

A detailed list of the assumptions used for the treatment processes, resources costs etc are in Appendix B.

These assumptions were all agreed or provided for this study by United Utilities.

3. BPEO/BAT RESULTS AND COMPARISON OF PROCESSES

3.1 Assessment of enhanced sludge treatment

An assessment of whether enhanced sludge treatment can be achieved by the processes assessed is contained in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Assessment of whether processes would result in an enhanced treated sludge recycled to agriculture

No.	Process	Sludge recycled to agriculture?	Enhanced treated sludge is produced?
2	Enhanced hydrolysis / Digestion / Dewater / Agriculture	Yes	Yes, provided the operating temperature of 55°C is maintained for 4 hours
1	Digestion / Dewater / Agriculture	Yes	No
3	Dewater / Lime / Agriculture	Yes	Yes, providing the pH value of sludge is raised to at least pH12
4	Dewater / Incineration / Landfill	No	Not applicable
5	Digestion / Dewater / Incineration / Landfill	No	Not applicable
6	Fermented Cake / Dewater / Agriculture	Yes	Uncertain ⁽¹⁾
7	Cambi / Digestion / Dewater / Agriculture	Yes	Yes, because sludge is heated to 170°C

Note(1) WRc is uncertain whether the operating conditions for the fermented cake process, of 42°C for 6 days and the presence of high concentrations of volatile fatty acids, would produce pathogen reduction equivalent to other enhanced processes.

3.2 Environmental impact and costs for process using new or existing facilities

Tables 3.2 and 3.3 contain summaries of the environmental impact and costs determined from MASTAR for processes using new or existing facilities, respectively. The values are presented per tonne of raw sludge dry solids treated. For processes involving digestion the use of existing facilities includes the refurbishment of the digesters at Blackburn. More detailed results are provided in Appendix C.

Table 3.2 Environmental impact and costs of processes using new facilities

PARAMETER	Scheme 2A	Scheme 2C	Scheme 1A	Scheme 3A	Scheme 4A	Scheme 5A	Scheme 6A	Scheme 7A
	Enhanced hydrolysis Air cooling Digest Dewater Agricult.	Enhanced hydrolysis Energy recovery Digest Dewater Agricult.	Digest Dewater Agricult.	Dewater Lime Agricult.	Dewater Incin. Landfill	Digest Dewater Incin. Landfill	Ferment. Cake Dewater Agricult.	Cambi Digest Dewater Agricult.
Raw sludge daily dry mass (tDS/d)	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
Net Primary Energy (GJ/tRwDS) ⁽¹⁾	-3.8	-6.4	-6.3	2.2	-0.9	-1.1	1.1	-4.4
Greenhouse Equiv. (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	1150	1060	1396	1597	1349	1795	1366	1035
Acid Gas Equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.03
Mean Daily Distance (km/tRwDS)	10.1	10.1	9.9	19.9	18.6	14.0	11.5	9.3
Capital Cost (Q4 2005) (£/tRwDS)	78	78	78	6	129	164	25	78
Operating Cost (£/tRwDS)	-14	-34	-28	61	65	56	31	-17
Net Present Cost over 20 years @ 6% discount rate (£/tDS)	70	58	62	40	166	196	42	68

Note: (1) Negative Net Primary Energy value denotes net export of energy due to export of electricity from CHP or the fertiliser value from the recycling of sludge to agricultural land.

Table 3.3 Environmental impact and costs of processes using existing facilities

PARAMETER	Scheme 2B	Scheme 2D	Scheme 1B	Scheme 3B	Scheme 4B	Scheme 5B	Scheme 6B	Scheme 7B
	Enhanced hydrolysis Air cooling Digest Dewater Agricult.	Enhanced hydrolysis Energy recovery Digest Dewater Agricult.	Digest Dewater Agricult.	Dewater Lime Agricult.	Dewater Incin. Landfill	Digest Dewater Incin. Landfill	Ferment. Cake Dewater Agricult.	Cambi Digest Dewater Agricult.
Raw sludge daily dry mass (tDS/d)	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
Net Primary Energy ⁽¹⁾ (GJ/tRwDS)	-4.0	-6.6	-5.3	2.2	-0.9	-1.2	1.0	-4.6
Greenhouse Equiv. (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	1135	1045	1404	1595	1347	1783	1365	1023
Acid Gas Equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.0
Mean Daily Distance (km/tRwDS)	10.1	10.1	11.0	19.9	18.6	14.0	11.5	9.3
Capital Cost (Q4 2005) (£/tRwDS)	33	33	33	2	125	119	22	42
Operating Cost (£/tRwDS)	-14	-34	-19	61	65	56	31	-17
Net Present Cost over 20 years @ 6% discount rate (£/tDS)	25	13	22	36	162	148	40	33

Note: (1) Negative Net Primary Energy value denotes net export of energy due to export of electricity from CHP or the fertiliser value from the recycling of sludge to agricultural land.

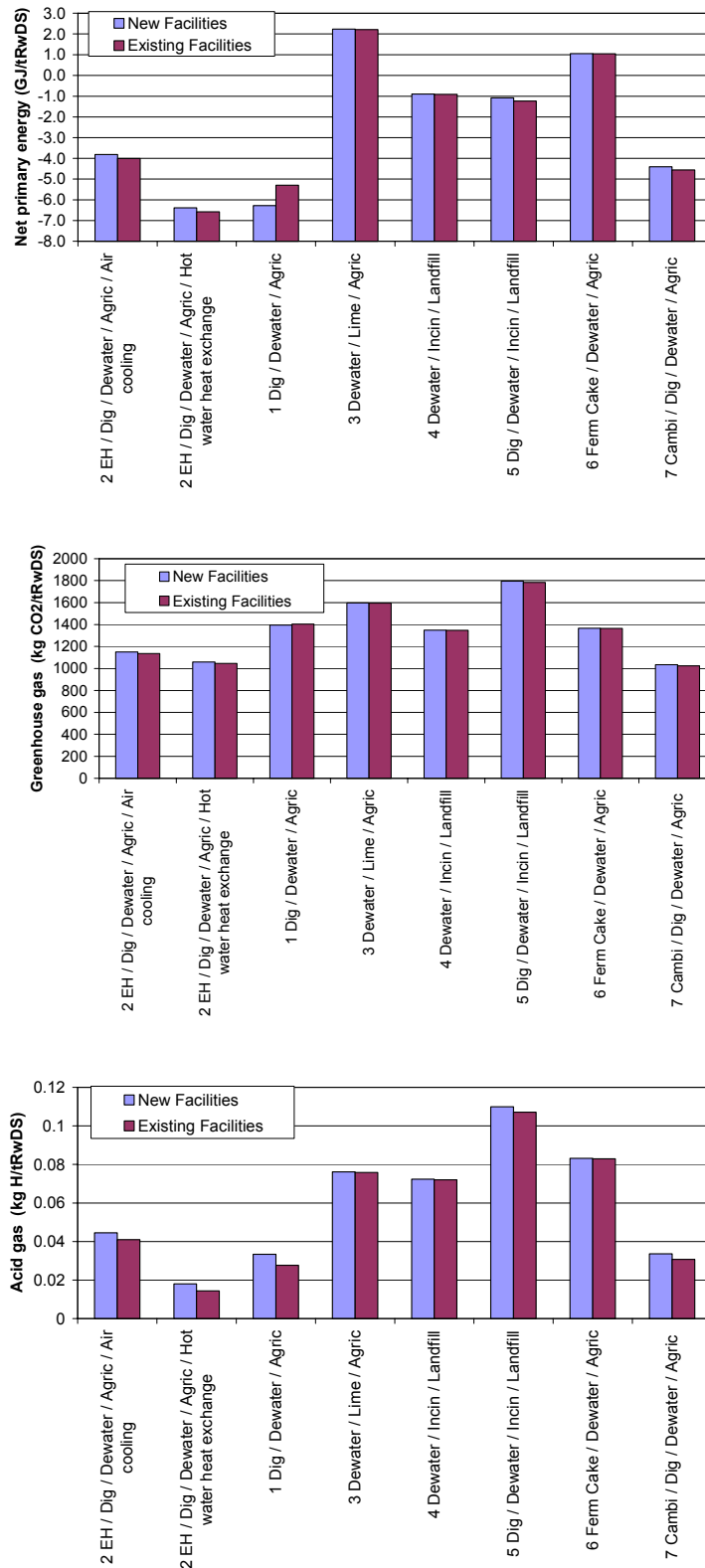


Figure 3.1 Comparison of sludge processes using new or existing facilities for net primary energy (top), greenhouse gas and acid gas emissions

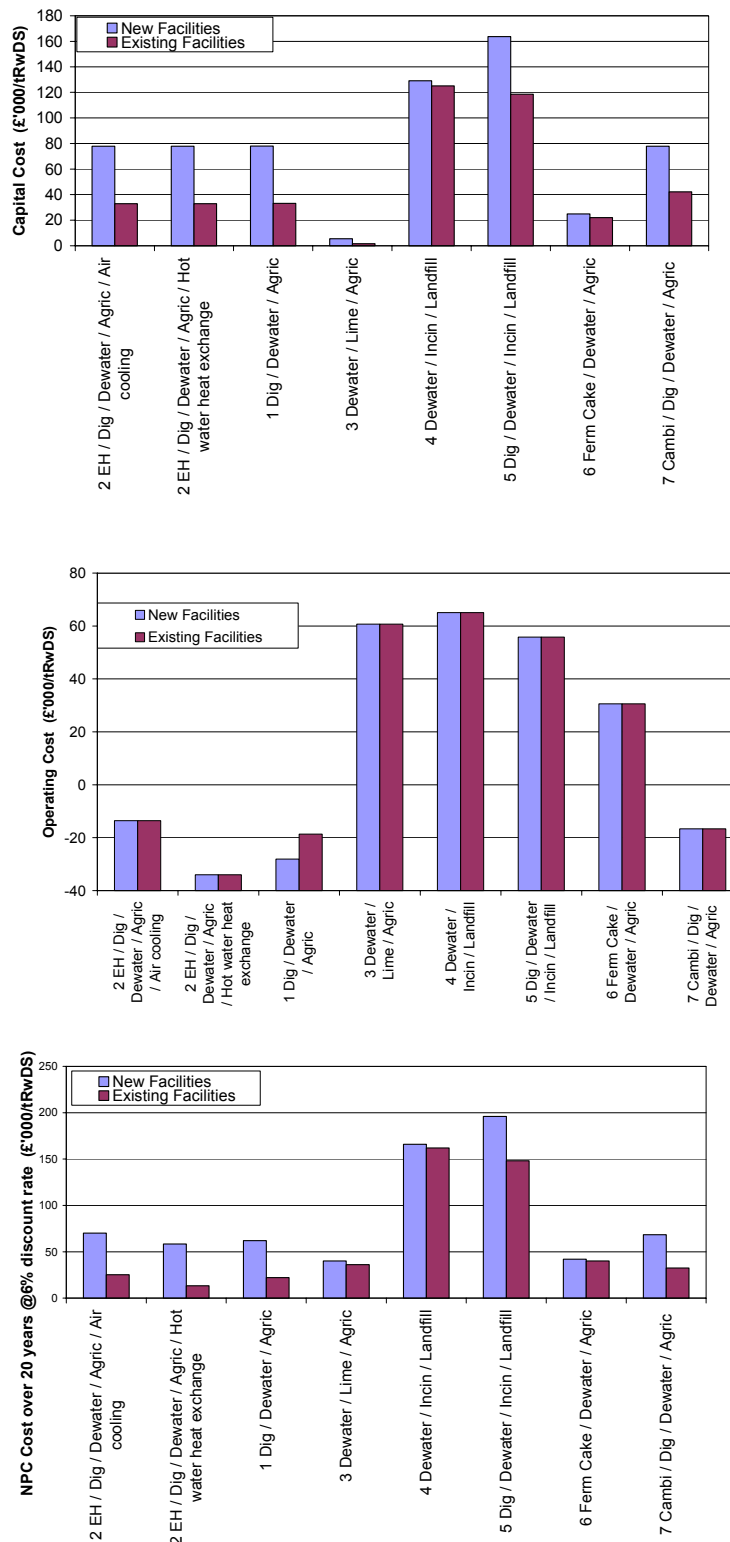


Figure 3.2 Comparison of sludge processes using new and existing facilities for capital cost (top), operating cost and net present cost (NPC) over 20 years at 6% discount rate

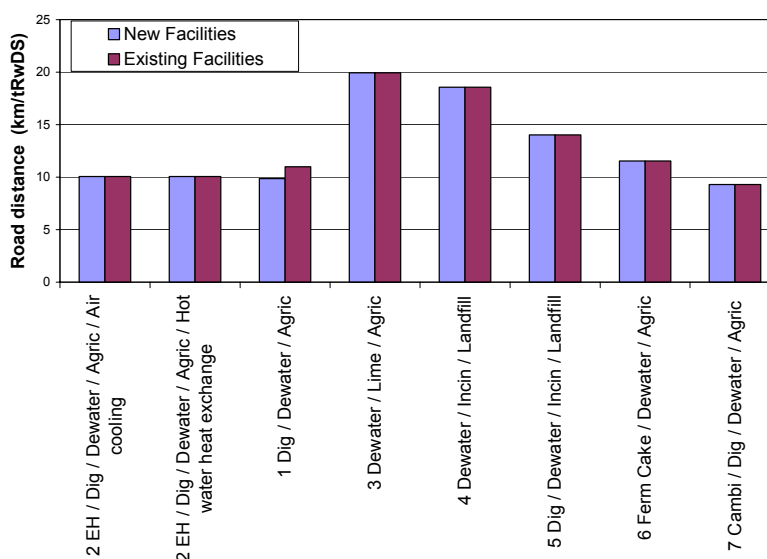


Figure 3.3 Comparison of sludge processes using new and existing facilities for transport distance

Table 3.4 shows the rankings of the processes in ascending order for each environmental impact category and net present cost for using new facilities. The same information is shown in Table 3.5 for the use of existing facilities.

If new facilities are used and the mean ranked position for all categories is considered, enhanced hydrolysis/digestion, with air cooling of the sludge prior to digestion, would be less favourable than Cambi/digestion but more favourable than the other processes assessed. The replacement of air cooling with energy recovery, however, could make it joint top with Cambi/digestion or digestion alone.

If existing facilities are used and the mean ranked position for all categories is considered, enhanced hydrolysis/digestion, with air cooling of the sludge prior to digestion, would also be less favourable than Cambi/digestion or digestion alone but more favourable than the other processes assessed. The replacement of air cooling with energy recovery, however, would make it the top process.

Table 3.4 Ranking of schemes using new facilities for their environmental impact and net present cost

	2A	2C	1A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A
	Enhanced hydrolysis Air cooling Digest Dewater Agricult.	Enhanced hydrolysis Energy recovery Digest Dewater Agricult.	Digest Dewater Agricult.	Dewater Lime Agricult.	Dewater Incin. Landfill	Digest Dewater Incin. Landfill	Ferment. Cake Dewater Agricult.	Cambi Digest Dewater Agricult.
Can process result in an enhanced treated sludge recycled to agriculture?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Uncertain ⁽¹⁾	Yes
Ranked position in descending order:								
Net primary energy	4	1	2	8	6	5	7	3
Greenhouse gases	3	2	6	7	4	8	5	1
Acid gases	4	1	2	6	5	8	7	3
Road transport	3	3	2	8	7	6	5	1
NPC cost	4	4	6	1	7	8	2	3
Mean ranked position for all categories	3.6	2.2	3.6	6.0	5.8	7.0	5.2	2.2

Note:(1) WRc is uncertain whether the operating conditions for the fermented cake process, of 42°C for 6 days in the presence of high concentrations of volatile fatty acids, produce pathogen reduction equivalent to other enhanced processes.

Table 3.5 Ranking of schemes using existing facilities for their environmental impact and net present cost

	2B	2D	1B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B
	Enhanced hydrolysis Air cooling Digest Dewater Agricult.	Enhanced hydrolysis Energy recovery Digest Dewater Agricult.	Digest Dewater Agricult.	Dewater Lime Agricult.	Dewater Incin. Landfill	Digest Dewater Incin. Landfill	Ferment. Cake Dewater Agricult.	Cambi Digest Dewater Agricult.
Can process result in an enhanced treated sludge recycled to agriculture?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Uncertain ⁽¹⁾	Yes
Ranked position in descending order:								
Net primary energy	4	1	2	8	6	5	7	3
Greenhouse gases	3	2	6	7	4	8	5	1
Acid gases	4	1	2	6	5	8	7	3
Road transport	2	2	4	8	7	6	5	1
NPC cost	3	3	5	1	8	7	2	6
Mean ranked position for all categories	3.2	1.8	3.8	6	6.0	6.8	5.2	2.8

4. CONCLUSIONS

Out of the seven sludge processes assessed, the following three processes could result in a log 6 kill of pathogens and, hence, produce an enhanced treated sludge that could be recycled to agriculture are:

- Enhanced hydrolysis followed by digestion,
- Lime treatment of raw sludge cake
- Cambi followed by digestion

The Enzymic hydrolysis/digestion option is most favourable in terms of combined cost and environmental impact for existing facilities if energy recovery from the sludge, after the EH process, replaces air cooling.

The Enzymic hydrolysis/digestion option, with energy recovery, and the Cambi digestion option are equally favourable in terms of combined cost and environmental impact for new facilities.

The use of air cooling for the Enzymic hydrolysis/digestion options puts it at a disadvantage when compared to Cambi/digestion in terms of combined cost and environmental impact but it remains equal to digestion alone and better than the other options assessed.

There is too much uncertainty to determine if the fermented cake process would achieve the required pathogen reduction. The process does produce volatile fatty acids (VFAs) that would provide biological phosphorus removal in a suitably designed activated sludge plant, but the value of this was not considered in this study.

The results of the study are based on assumptions agreed with United Utilities, including gas production and solids destruction through the Enzymic Hydrolysis process and published performance data from a Cambi system at Dublin Bay, Ireland (Pickworth B et al 2006).

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APPENDIX A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF MASTAR

A1 INTRODUCTION

MASTAR provides a methodical approach for estimating the environmental impact and costs of sewage sludge treatment and recycle/disposal options. This can be used to determine the Best Practical Environmental Option (BPEO) for the treatment and recycle/disposal of sewage sludge.

The program should significantly reduce the time and expense required to carry out this type of evaluation. It should also act as a valuable audit trail. To aid this, the program contains a “notes” facility which should be used extensively to record changes to parameters and variables.

For a particular sludge treatment and disposal network the computer program will estimate:

Environmental impact in terms of:

- Net primary energy
- Greenhouse gases
- Acid gases
- Transport related accidents

Costs in terms of:

- Capital costs
- Operating costs

Resource usage, such as

- Imported fuel
- Net electricity import or export
- Consumables, such as polyelectrolyte for mechanical dewatering and lime for lime treatment
- Derv usage for transport
- Man power
- Land area

The computer program can be used in two different ways:

1. A series of networks of generic sewage sludge treatment processes can be created and used to find the BPEO for a sewage treatment works or area of a wastewater company.
2. Existing process networks or detailed designs for the treatment of sewage sludge can be evaluated to determine their environmental impacts.

A network can also be set up with two or more sludge treatment works that are either completely separate to each other or have sludge transported between them.

For every situation the user sets up a treatment and disposal sewage sludge network in the computer program, runs the computer to calculate the environmental impact and cost estimate and then exports the results to an Excel spreadsheet for viewing and additional processing.

The default values of all parameters for each process module can be changed by the user. Some values that are calculated by the computer can be over-ridden by the user by entering a user-set value.

A2 Available Sludge Unit Processes

Sludge networks can be set up to contain the following processes:

- ✓ Gravity thickening
- ✓ Mechanical thickening
- ✓ Mechanical dewatering
- ✓ Pasteurisation
- ✓ Mesophilic anaerobic digestion (ManD)
- ✓ Thermal drying
- ✓ Incineration
- ✓ Addition of lime
- ✓ Cambi process
- ✓ Biotherm process
- ✓ Recycle to agriculture
- ✓ Disposal to landfill
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Treatment of sludge liquors
- ✓ Buffer storage capacity
- ✓ Secondary sludge pretreatment
- ✓ Composting
- ✓ Gasification
- ✓ Inter-process pumping
- ✓ Brick and cement manufacture
- ✓ Co-combustion in a coal-fired power station

A3 Equipment used to operate MASTAR

To operate MASTAR the following are required:

- a) Computer
- b) MASTAR software – installed from the CD
- c) MASTAR security dongle – inserted into the back of the computer
- d) Excel – used to view the results
- e) Excel “Results Comparison” Spreadsheet – used to compare the results for different networks(a blank copy of the spreadsheet is installed into the directory containing the MASTAR Program Files)
- f) Operating Manual – provides instructions and reference material – this will be used during the training course.

A4 Using MASTAR

A4.1 General operation of the program

The MASTAR Computer Program is operated using the following steps to calculate the Environmental Assessment and Cost Estimation of a sludge treatment and recycle or disposal network:

- a) Create a network of sludge sources, treatment processes and recycle or disposal routes or open an existing network
- b) Check and change for the particular application, where necessary, the values for the operating parameters of the sludge sources, treatment processes and recycle/disposal routes.
- c) Save the new network and make notes of any changes or other information.
- d) Set up the calculation run.
- e) Check, and if necessary, change the global constants that affect all unit processes (e.g. unit costs of consumables and temperatures of incoming sludge and ambient air).
- f) Start the calculation run.
- g) Export the results to an Excel spreadsheet and, if desired, view the results immediately.
- h) If desired, a copy of the results summary for each network can be copied into a “Results comparison” spreadsheet to enable a number of networks to be compared.

A4.2 Description of the MASTAR program screens

The MASTAR program screen is split into three parts:

- a) A task bar at the top of the screen – for choosing the three function windows (Admin, Toolbox and Run Setup), Help and to Exit the program.
- b) The Function Screen in the bottom left section of the screen – displays function keys dependent on the function window selected.
- c) The network design sheet in the bottom right section of the screen – displays the sludge treatment network.

The three Function Windows are used for the following tasks:

- Admin: This administration window is used to create and save projects and networks, print information and edit network notes (see Figure A1).
- Toolbox: This window provides the sludge treatment unit processes that are used to create the networks (see Figure A2).
- Run Setup: The selection of “Run Setup” provides “The MASTAR Simulation Processor” screen (see Figure A3). This window is used to View or Edit the global constants that affect all unit processes, start the calculation of environmental assessment and cost estimates and Export the results to an Excel spreadsheet and, if desired, view the results immediately.

The position of the Function Window can be swapped from the right to the left part of the screen in the Admin Function Window by selecting “Customise” followed by “Swap panes”.

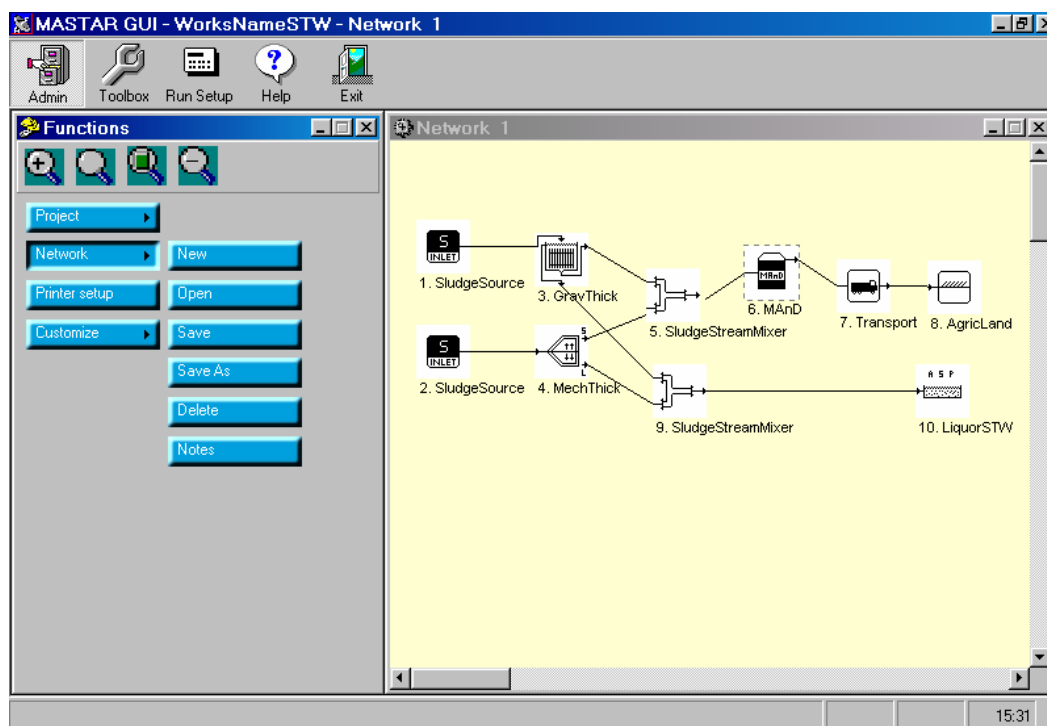


Figure A1 Appearance of Admin Window

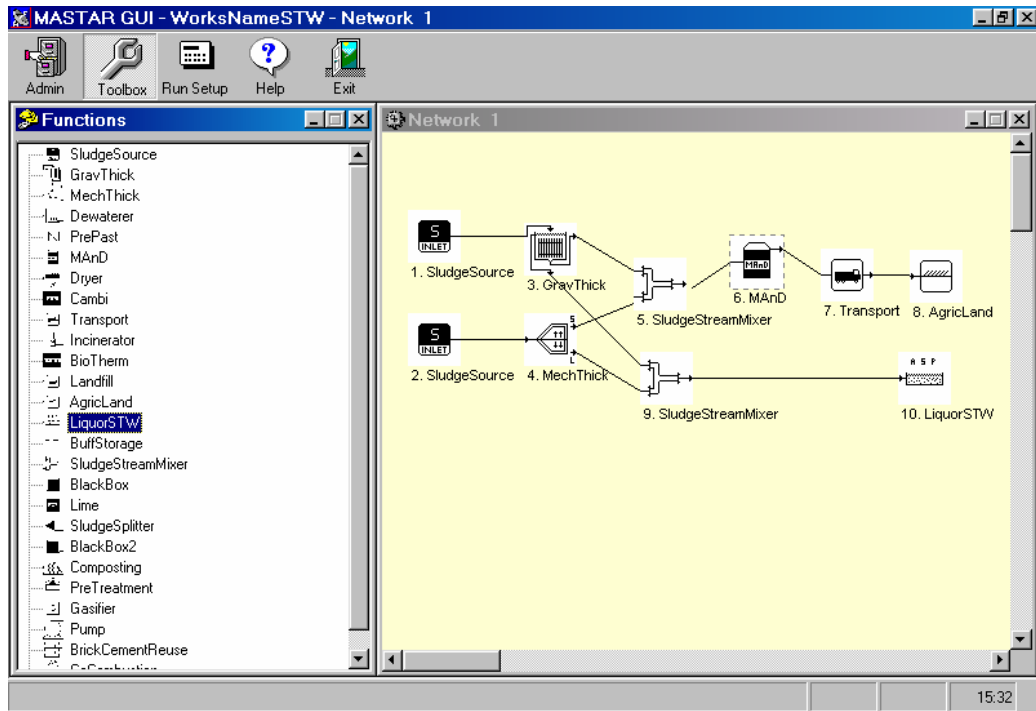


Figure A2 Appearance of Toolbox Window

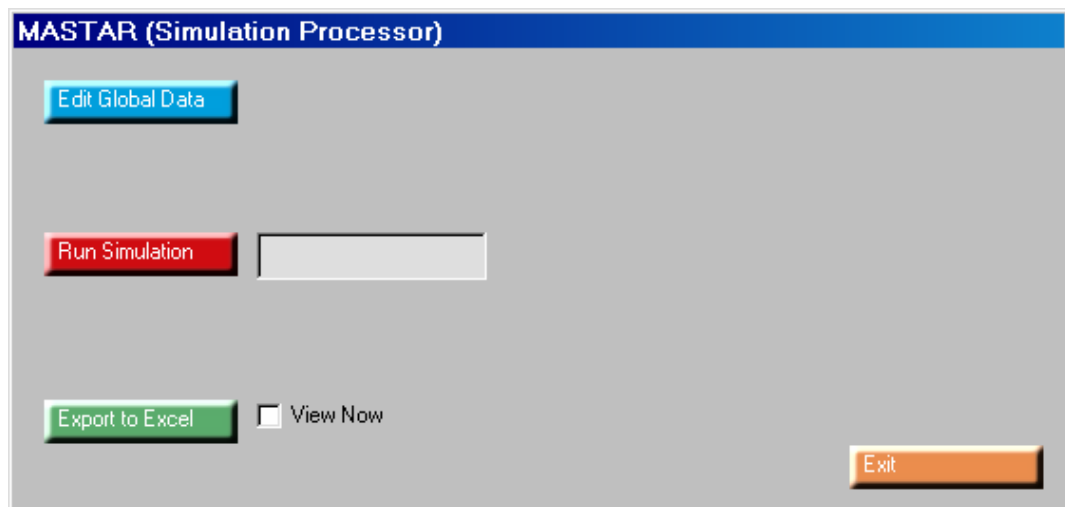


Figure A3 Appearance of Run Setup Window

A3 Information provided in the MASTAR results

The spreadsheet produced for each run contains the following information in a number of worksheets:

- a) **MASTAR Results Summary:** A results summary sheet (see Figure A4), which provides the sludge throughput for the sludge treatment and recycle/disposal network, and the quantitative environmental impact and costs (capital, operation and net present cost) of the sludge network expressed in terms of tonne of raw sludge treated.

A list of qualitative parameters (see Figure A5) can also be provided. These are not automatically estimated. The user can decide whether or not to enter a score. The scoring of qualitative issues is quite difficult and there are other methods in the water industry for considering them. The comparison of relative scores for qualitative parameters for two or more networks will most likely be more helpful than the absolute values for each network.

- b) **Assumptions:** Assumptions of the interest rates etc. used to estimate the net present cost.
- c) **Run Data:** Detailed information of the environmental impact, resource requirements and estimated costs (capital and operating) for each unit process and the total for the network.

The outlet parameters, such as sludge dry mass, thickness, volume, volatile solids content, ammoniacal nitrogen etc, for each unit process.

The process parameter values assumed for each unit process. A complete list of process parameters are provided in the Operating Manual.

- d) **Global Parameters:** The values for the global parameters are listed. A complete list of global variables are provided in the Operating Manual.

The "Results Comparison" Excel spreadsheet (see Figure A6) can be used to compare the MASTAR results summaries for different runs or networks.

APPENDIX B DETAILED ASSUMPTIONS

Initial Sludge

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Sludge dry solids (tDS/d)	36.7	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Sludge volume (m3/d)	540	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Sludge solids conc (% wt/wt)	6.8	Calculated from above information	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Sludge loss on ignition (LOI) (%)	70	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Sludge type	Mixture of primary and waste activated sludge	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Assume 50:50
Winter mean sludge temp (oC)	6	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Spring mean sludge temp (oC)	10	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Summer mean sludge temp (oC)	18	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Autumn mean sludge temp (oC)	10	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Nitrogen conc. (kg/tDS)	27	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	45
Proportion of nitrogen that is soluble (%)	3	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Phosphorus conc (kg/tDS)	12	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	52 as P2O5
Proportion of phosphorus that is soluble (%)	30	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	40% available year 1

Ambient Air Temperature

Winter mean air temp (oC)	-2	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Spring mean air temp (oC)	11.5	Calculated as mean of winter and autumn temperatures	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Summer mean air temp (oC)	25	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Autumn mean air temp (oC)	11.5	Calculated as mean of winter and autumn temperatures	Check & confirm/update	confirm

Resource Unit Costs/Revenue

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Electricity exported to the National Grid (Revenue) (£/kWh)	0.10	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Electricity imported from National Grid (Cost) (£/kWh)	0.05	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Unit cost of Polyelectrolyte (£/t)	3000	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Unit cost of Derv (£/litre)	0.9	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Unit cost of labour (£'000/y)	25	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	50
Unit cost of lime (£/tonne)	75	UU data	Check & confirm/update	80
Unit cost of Natural Gas (if required) (£/kWh)	0.019	DTI average value for 2006 Q2	Provide data on cost paid by UU	confirm
Cost basis	2005 Q4			
COPI index	149	http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/TSDtimezone.asp	(Used in cost functions used by WRc to make estimates)	
M&E Index	128	http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/TSDtimezone.asp	(Used in cost functions used by WRc to make estimates)	

Scheme 1: Digestion(primary& secondary)/Dewater/Agric

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Digester				
VSD (%)		40 WRC estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	45
Mean residence time (days)	15	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	12
Number of digesters			Provide data	4
Have digesters fixed or floating roofs			Provide data	F
Height of digesters (m) (if floating roof, height to liquid level)			Provide data	18
Diameter of digester (m)			Provide data	12.5
Digester wall heat trans coeff (kW/m2/oC)	0.002	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Operating temp (oC)	35	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Volatile solids solubilised (%)	20	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Soluble volatile solids to soluble N ratio	1	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Soluble volatile solids to soluble P ratio	0	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Biogas leakage (%)	1	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Biogas methane content (% v/v)	65	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Biogas CV (MJ/m3)	22	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Biogas yield (m3/kgVSD)	1	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	0.85
Heating method	Hot water from CHP	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Imported fuel type	Not required	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	confirm
CHP combustion effy %	99	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
CHP biogas to hot water energy conversion (%)	50	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	38
CHP biogas to electrical energy conversion (%)	30	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	33
CHP electricity exported to National Grid	Yes	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Digester specific elec power for mixing (kW/m ³)	0.0041	Data from WRc and CIRIA 1981	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Secondary digester res time (d)	14	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
<u>Dewatering</u>				
Process type	Centrifuge	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Sludge cake solids concentration (% wt/wt)	25	WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Polyelectrolyte dose (kg/tDS)	6.5	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Electricity usage (GJ/TTS)	0.2	WRc estimate based on information from Coombs 1988	Check & confirm/update	confirm
No. of centrifuges			Provide data	
Liquor treated in an ASP plant?	Yes	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	confirm
<u>Agricultural Recycle</u>				
Mean distance sludge travels (km)	40	UU data	Check & confirm/update	25 miles
Lorry capacity (m ³)	20	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Vehicle availability (d/y)	255	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Trips per vehicle per day	4	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry life span (years)	5	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Steel mass per vehicle (tonne)	18	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry fuel consumption (l/km)	0.45	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry cost for 20m ³ capacity (£'000)	50	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	75

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Additional vehicle operating costs in addition to fuel and labour (£'000/y)	5	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	0
Soluble nitrogen utilisation by crops (%)	100	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Soluble Phosphorus utilisation by crops(%)	100	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Insoluble N utilisation by crops %	20	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	yes, per year
Insoluble P utilisation by crops %	50	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	yes, per year
Nitrogen fertiliser energy unit value (GJ/t)	80	Data estimate for the production and packaging of artificial fertilisers	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Phosphorus fertiliser energy unit value (GJ/t)	28	Data estimate for the production and packaging of artificial fertilisers	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Ultimate VSD after agric (including preceding treatment processes) (%)	65	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	85
Proportion of VSD in agricultural recycle that is anaerobic (%)	10	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	5
Capital cost of scheme				
1A: New Digesters & New Dewatering (£'000)			Provide data	16,719
1B: Refurbish Digesters & Use Existing Centrifuge (£'000)			Provide data	7,000
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)	1	UU data	Check & confirm/update	1.5

Scheme 2: Enzymic Hydrolysis/Digestion/Dewater/Agricultural Recycle

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
<u>Enzymic Hydrolysis</u>				
Operating temp (oC)	24 hs: 42oC	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
	Then: 55oC	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Heating method	Biogas/hot water from digestion/CHP	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Outlet temp (oC)	39	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Cooling method:				
Scheme 2A	Air cooled	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Scheme 2B	Heat exchanger returns heat to feed sludge	UU data	Check & confirm/update	in future
Electrical power of process (kW)			Provide data	10
Solubilisation of volatile solids %			Provide data	20
<u>Digester</u>				
VSD (%)	53.5	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Mean residence time (days)	15	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	12
Number of digesters			Provide data	4
Have digesters fixed or floating roofs			Provide data	F
Height of digesters (m) (if floating roof, height to liquid level)			Provide data	18
Diameter of digester (m)			Provide data	12.5
Digester wall heat trans coeff (kW/m2/oC)	0.002	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Operating temp (oC)	35	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Volatile solids solubilised (%)	20	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Soluble volatile solids to soluble N ratio	1	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Soluble volatile solids to soluble P ratio	0	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Biogas leakage (%)	5	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	1
Biogas methane content (% v/v)	65	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Biogas CV (MJ/m3)	22	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Biogas yield (m ³ /kgVSD)	0.85	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	0.85
Heating method	Heat of sludge from EH process	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Imported fuel type	Not required	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
CHP combustion effy %	99	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
CHP biogas to hot water energy conversion (%)	50	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	38
CHP biogas to electrical energy conversion (%)	30	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	33
CHP electricity exported to National Grid	Yes	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
CHP hot water heat trans effy %	100	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Digester specific elec power for mixing (kW/m ³)	0.0041	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Secondary digester res time (d)	0	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	Confirm

Scheme 2 (Enhanced Hydrolysis): Energy Balance

	No heat recovery	Heat recovery
Sludge dry solids (tDS/d)	36.7	36.7
Raw sludge feed per day (m3/d)	540	540
Feed sludge solids conc (%)	6.8	6.8
VS (%)	70	70
VSD (%)	53.5	53.5
Biogas production (m3/d) determined from Figure 1 in Le (2007)	11500	11500
CHP electrical output (kWh/d)	16250	23750
	Figure 5 in Le (2007)	Figure 6 in Le (2007)
Reference for CHP electrical output		
Methane content (%)	65	65
Biogas CV content (MJ/m3)	22	22
Biogas energy content (kW)	2928	2928
CHP electrical output (kW)	677	990
Mixing power (kW/m3)	0.0041	0.0041
No of digesters	4	4
Digester height (m)	18	18
Digester diameter (m)	12.5	12.5
Volume of digestions (m3)	8836	8836
Electrical power for EH process (kW)	10	10
Electrical energy for mixing (kW)	36	36
CHP electricity energy exported (kW)	631	943
Biogas combustion - specific CO2 emission (kg/1000m3)	1957	1957
Biogas fugitive leaks - CH4 emission (kg/tDS) based on 45% VSD	1.4	1.4
Biogas fugitive leaks - CH4 emission (kg/tDS) based on 53.5% VSD	1.7	1.7
Biogas combustion efficiency (%)	99	99
Electricity production - specific CO2 emission (kg/GJ)	122	122
Biogas generation (m3/s)	0.133	0.133
CO2 emission - biogas combustion (kg/s)	0.260	0.260
CO2 emission - electricity generation savings (kg/s)	-0.077	-0.115
CO2 emission - total (kg/s)	0.184	0.145
CH4 content of biogas (%)	65.000	65.000
CH4 molecular mass (g/mol = kg/kmol)	16.000	16.000
Molecular gas volume (m3/kmol)	22.400	22.400
CH4 fugitive emission volume - incomplete combustion (m3/s)	0.00087	0.00087
CH4 fugitive emission - incomplete combustion losses (kg/s)	0.00062	0.00062
CH4 emission - fugitive leaks (kg/s)	0.0007	0.0007
CH4 emission - fugitive total (kg/s)	0.0013	0.0013
Labour requirement (No. of staff)	1.5	1.5
Labour unit cost (£'000/y)	25.0	25.0
Labour cost (£'000/y)	37.5	37.5
Elec unit value for export to Nat Grid (£/kWh)	-0.1	-0.1
Elec revenue (£'000/y)	-552.6	-826.4
Net operating cost (£'000/y)	-515.1	-788.9

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
<u>Dewatering</u>				
Same as for Scheme 1				
<u>Agricultural Recycle</u>				
Same as for Scheme 1				
Capital cost of scheme				
Scheme 2C: New EH process, New Digesters & New Dewatering (£'000)			Provide data	
				16,719
Scheme 2D: New EH process, Refurbish Digesters & Use Existing Dewatering Process (£'000)			Provide data	
				7,000
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)		1.5 UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm

Scheme 3: Dewater/Lime/Agricultural Recycle

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
<u>Dewater</u>				
Process type	Centrifuge	UU data	Check & confirm/update	Confirm
Sludge cake solids concentration (% wt/wt)		25 WRc estimate based on typical values	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Polyelectrolyte dose (kg/tDS)		6.5 UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Electricity usage (GJ/TTS)		0.2 WRc estimate based on information from Coombs 1988	Check & confirm/update	confirm
No. of centrifuges			Provide data	3
Liqueur treated in an ASP plant?	Yes	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	confirm
<u>Lime treatment</u>				
Lime dose (kg/wet tonne)		50 UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lime dose (kg/dry tonne) & 25% solids conc		200 Calculated from lime dose and estimate cake solids conc.	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Silo supply capacity (d)	30	WRc assumption	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Agricultural recycle				
Same as Scheme 1				
Capital Cost				
Scheme 3A: New Dewatering process and New Lime Treatment Process	WRc will estimate		Confirm that this is to be determined	confirm
Scheme 3B: Existing Dewatering process but New Lime Process	WRc will estimate		Confirm that this is to be determined	confirm
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)		1 UU data	Check & confirm/update	2

Scheme 4:
Dewater/Incin/Landfill

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
<u>Dewater</u>				
Same as Scheme (3)				
<u>Incineration</u>				
Distance to transport material to Incinerator (km)	40	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Distance to transport ash from Incinerator to landfill (km)	80	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry capacity (m3)	20	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Vehicle availability (d/y)	255	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Trips per vehicle per day	4	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry life span (years)	5	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Steel mass per vehicle (tonne)	18	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry fuel consumption (l/km)	0.45	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry cost for 20m3 capacity (£'000)	50	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	75
Additional vehicle operating costs in addition to fuel and labour (£'000/y)	5	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	0
Landfill charge for ash disposal (gate fee plus landfill tax)(£/tonne)	45	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	50
Capital cost (£'000) of incinerator receiving sludge from Blackburn and other sites and having a throughput of 40,000 tDS/year			Provide data	80,000
Blackburn WwTW sludge output (tDS/y)	13396	Calculated		
Proportion of capital cost attributed to Blackburn sludge (%)	33	Calculated		
Capital cost (£'000) of incinerator attributed to	26791	Calculated		

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
sludge from Blackburn				
Electricity generation from raw sludge (GJ/tonne)	1.15	Determined in WRc report by Frost and Bull, 1988	Check & confirm/update	confirm. This is gross figure
Capital costs determined for: Scheme 4A: New dewatering process and New Incineration Contribution			Confirm that this is to be determined	Confirm
Scheme 4B: Existing dewatering process and New Incineration Contribution			Confirm that this is to be determined	Confirm
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)	0.5	UU data	Check & confirm	10 The incinerator will employ a total of 30 staff plus one at Blackburn

Scheme 5: Digest/Dewater/Incin/Landfill

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
<u>Digestion</u>				
Same as Scheme (1)				
<u>Dewater</u>				
Same as Scheme (1)				
<u>Incineration</u>				
Distance to transport material to Incinerator (km)	40	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Distance to transport ash from Incinerator to landfill (km)	80	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry capacity (m3)	20	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Vehicle availability (d/y)	255	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Trips per vehicle per day	4	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry life span (years)	5	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Steel mass per vehicle (tonne)	18	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry fuel consumption (l/km)	0.45	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Lorry cost for 20m3 capacity (£'000)	50	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	75
Additional vehicle operating costs in addition to fuel and labour (£'000/y)	5	WRc estimate	Check & confirm/update	0
Capital cost (£'000) of incinerator receiving sludge from Blackburn and other sites and having a throughput of 40,000 tDS/year			Provide data	80,000
Blackburn WwTW sludge output (tDS/y)	9176	Calculated		
Proportion of capital cost attributed to Blackburn sludge (%)	23	Calculated		

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Capital cost (£'000) of incinerator attributed to sludge from Blackburn	18352	Calculated		
Electricity generation from raw sludge (GJ/tonne)	0	Determined in WRc report by Frost and Bull, 1988	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Capital costs determined for: Scheme 5A: New dewatering process, New digesters and New Incineration Contribution			Confirm that this is to be determined	confirm
Scheme 5B: Existing dewatering process, Refurbish digesters and New Incineration Contribution			Confirm that this is to be determined	confirm
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)	0.5	UU data	Check & confirm	10 The incinerator will employ a total of 30 staff plus one at blackburn

Scheme 6: FermentedCake/Dewater/Agric

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
Operating temperature (oC)	42	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
Heating method	Biogas provides sufficient energy	UU data	Check & confirm/update	confirm
VSD (%)	12.5	UU data	Check & confirm/update	40
Electrical power of process (kW)			Provide data	10
Solubilisation of volatile solids %			Provide data	40
<u>Dewater</u>				
Same as Scheme 1				
Agricultural Recycle				
Same as Scheme				
Capital cost of scheme				
Scheme 6A: New Fermented Cake Process & New Dewatering (£'000)			Provide data	
Scheme 6B: New Fermented Cake Process & Use Existing Dewatering Process (£'000)			Provide data	5,275
				4,641
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)	1	UU data	Check & confirm/update	1.5

Scheme 7: Cambi/Digestion/Dewater/Agricultural Recycle

Interpretation of data from Cambi process at Dublin (Pickworth, 2006) and application of the data for Blackburn:

	Dublin Bay	Blackburn
Sludge dry solids (tDS/d)	83.5	36.7
Raw sludge feed per day (m3/d)	700	308
Feed sludge solids conc (%)	11.93	11.9
VS (%)	81	70
Biogas production (m3/d)	30,000	11395
Methane content (%)	65	65
Biogas CV content (MJ/m3)	22	22
Biogas energy content (kW)	7639	2902
Biogas flow to main steam boiler (m3/d)	4000	2150
Steam production from main steam boiler (t/h)	1.3	0.7
Steam production from main steam boiler per biogas flow (t/m3)	0.0078	0.0078
Biogas flow to thermal oxidisers (foul gas removal) (m3/d)	1500	570
Biogas flow to Jenbacher engines (m3/d)	23000	8105
Steam production from Jenbacher engines (t/h)	1.5	0.53
Biogas energy to Jenbacher engines (kW)	5856	2064
Natural gas imported (m3/d)	1250	475
Natural gas CV (MJ/m3)	37	37
Natural gas energy imported to JenBacher engines (kW)	535	203
Biogas and natural gas to JenBacher engines (kW)	6392	2267
Biogas and natural gas to JenBacher engines (kWh/h)	6392	2267
Steam production from Jenbacher engines per biogas flow (t/kWh gas energy)	0.0002	0.0002
Biogas flow to flare stack (m3/d)	1500	570
Steam available for Cambi (KW)	2.8	1.23
Steam requirement for Cambi (t/h)	2.8	1.23
Steam energy balance check (kW) (difference between available and requirement)	0.00	0.00
Total biogas check (m3/d)	30000	11395
Electricity generated (kW)	2500	881
Biogas to electrical energy conversion (%)	43	43
Total biogas and nat gas (kW)	8174	3105

Data used for Blackburn estimate:

Cambi/Digestion

Volatile solids in feed (tVS/d)	25.69
VSD (%)	60.0
Volatile solids destroyed (tVS/d)	15.4
Biogas energy (kW)	2902
Nat Gas energy to Boiler(kW)	203
CHP electricity energy generated (kW)	881
Mixing power (kW/m3)	0.0041
No of digesters	4
Digester height (m)	18
Digester diameter (m)	12.5
Volume of digestions (m3)	8836
Electrical energy for mixing (kW)	36
Electrical power for Cambi (kW)	75
CHP electricity energy exported (kW)	769
Biogas combustion - specific CO2 emission (kg/1000m3)	1957
Biogas fugitive leaks - CH4 emission (kg/tDS) based on 45% VSD	1.4
Biogas fugitive leaks - CH4 emission (kg/tDS) based on 60% VSD	1.9
Biogas combustion efficiency (%)	99
Electricity production - specific CO2 emission (kg/GJ)	122
Biogas generation (m3/s)	0.152
CO2 emission - biogas combustion (kg/s)	0.297
CO2 emission - electricity generation savings (kg/s)	-0.094
CO2 emission - total (kg/s)	0.203
CH4 content of biogas (%)	65.000
CH4 molecular mass (g/mol = kg/kmol)	16.000
Molecular gas volume (m3/kmol)	22.400
CH4 fugitive emission volume - incomplete combustion (m3/s)	0.00099
CH4 fugitive emission - incomplete combustion losses (kg/s)	0.00070
CH4 emission - fugitive leaks (kg/s)	0.0013
CH4 emission - fugitive total (kg/s)	0.0020
Labour requirement (No. of staff)	4.0
Labour unit cost (£'000/y)	25.0
Labour cost (£'000/y)	100.0
Nat Gas Unit Cost (£/kWh)	0.019
Nat Gas Units (kWh/y)	1781910
Nat Gas Cost (£;000/y)	33.9
Electricity unit revenue value for export to Nat Grid (£/kWh)	-0.1
Electricity revenue (£'000/y)	-674.0
Net operating cost (£'000/y)	-540.2

Parameter	Preliminary Assumption	Data reference	Action for UU (Check & confirm or provide data)	UU Response
<u>Dewatering</u>				
Same as for Scheme 1				
<u>Agricultural Recycle</u>				
Same as for Scheme 1				
Capital cost of scheme				
Scheme 7A: New Cambi process, New Digesters & New Dewatering (£'000)			Provide data	16,719
Scheme 7B: New Cambi, Refurbish Digesters & Use Existing Dewatering Process (£'000)			Provide data	9,000
Labour				
Total labour requirement (no. of staff)	1.5	UU data	Check & confirm	4

Parameters for Calculating the Environmental Impact

Parameter	Units	Value
NPE conversion: Imported fuel: Natural gas	GJ/GJ	1.06
NPE conversion: Imported fuel: Fuel oil	GJ/GJ	1.1
NPE conversion: Imported fuel Derv	GJ/GJ	1.1
NPE conversion: Imported fuel: Biogas	GJ/GJ	1.06
NPE conversion: Electricity	GJ/GJ	3.5
NPE conversion: Manufacture of consumables using fuel oil	GJ/GJ	1.1
NPE conv: Manufacture of cap. assets using fuel oil & coal	GJ/GJ	1.07
NPE conversion: Waste heat recovery as: natural gas saved	GJ/GJ	1.07
NPE conversion: Waste heat recovery as: fuel oil saved	GJ/GJ	1.1
NPE conversion: Transport fuel: Derv	GJ/GJ	1.1
NPE conv: Manufacture of transport assets using fuel oil	GJ/GJ	1.07
NPE conv: Savings in fuel oil use in fertiliser manufacture	GJ/GJ	1.1
BOD to soluble volatile solids ratio	kg/kg	1.6
Heat capacity of water	KJ/kg/°C	4.2
Gas molecular volume	m ³ /kmol	22.4
Relative molecular mass of methane	g	16
Relative molecular mass of carbon dioxide	g	44
Calorific value of natural gas	MJ/m ³	37
Methane content of natural gas	%	100
Calorific value of Derv	GJ/l	0.036
Unit cost of fuel oil	£/l	0.75
Proportion of mech. & electrical capital costs due to steel		0.2
Unit cost of steel	£/t	669
Energy value of steel	GJ/t	21.4
Life span of mechanical and electrical equipment	Y	20
Proportion of civil capital costs due to cement		0.2
Proportion of cement costs due to cement raw materials		0.35
Unit cost of cement	£/t	75
Energy value of cement	GJ/t	4.3
Life span of civil capital equipment	Y	40
Energy value of polyelectrolyte	GJ/t	164
Energy value of sodium hydroxide	GJ/t	11.3
Energy value of lime	GJ/t	4.3
Density of lime	t/m ³	0.48
Mechanical dewatering: direct methane emission	kg/tDS	1
Mechanical dewatering: direct carbon dioxide emission	kg/tDS	0
Mesophilic anaerobic digestion: methane emission (primary with fixed roof and secondary, assuming 45% VSD)	kg/tDS	9.4
Mesophilic anaerobic digestion: methane emission (primary with fixed roof but no secondary, assuming 45% VSD)	kg/tDS	1.4
Combustion of biogas: carbon dioxide emission	Kg/1000m ³	1957
Combustion of biogas: NOx emission	Kg/1000m ³	4.6
Combustion of biogas: SOx emission	Kg/1000m ³	2.3
Combustion of natural gas: carbon dioxide emission	Kg/GJ	55.6
Combustion of natural gas: NOx emission	Kg/GJ	0.25
Combustion of natural gas: SOx emission	Kg/GJ	0.007
Combustion of derv: carbon dioxide emission	Kg/l	3

Parameter	Units	Value
Combustion of derv: carbon monoxide emission	Kg/l	0.022
Combustion of derv: NOx emission	Kg/l	0.15
Combustion of derv: SOx emission	Kg/l	0.0042
Combustion of fuel oil: carbon dioxide emission	Kg/l	2.66
Combustion of fuel oil: NOx emission	Kg/l	0.0038
Combustion of fuel oil: SOx emission	Kg/l	0.0042
Road traffic accident rate	No/km	7.57E-07
Incineration of raw & digested sludge volatile solids: CO2	Kg/tVs	1800
Incineration of raw & digested sludge volatile solids: NOx	Kg/tVs	1.92
Incineration of raw & digested sludge volatile solids: SOx	Kg/tVs	0.48
Electricity generation: carbon dioxide emission	Kg/GJ	122
Electricity generation: NOx emission	Kg/GJ	0.31
Electricity generation: SOx emission	Kg/GJ	0.94
Consumables and capital assets creation: CO2 emission	Kg/GJ	76
Consumables and capital assets creation: NOx emission	Kg/GJ	0.13
Consumables and capital assets creation: SOx emission	Kg/GJ	0.51
Agric & Landfill: anaerobic volatile solids destruction: CH4	Kg/tVS	403
Agric & Landfill: anaerobic volatile solids destruction: CO2	Kg/tVS	597
Agric & Landfill: aerobic volatile solids destruction: CH4	Kg/tVS	0
Agric & Landfill: aerobic volatile solids destruction: CO2	Kg/tVS	1800
Conversion of methane to greenhouse gas equivalent	kgCO2equi/kgCH4	21
Conversion of carbon dioxide to greenhouse gas equivalent	kgCO2equi/kgCO2	1
Conversion of SOx to greenhouse gas equivalent	kgCO2equi/kgSOx	0.28
Conversion of SOx to acid gas equivalent	kgH+equi/kgSOx	0.0313
Conversion of NOx to acid gas equivalent	kgH+equi/kgNOx	0.0217
Conversion of nitrous oxide to greenhouse gas equivalent	kgCO2equi/kgN2O	310
NPE conversion: Imported fuel: Coal	GJ/GJ	1.03
Fuel oil calorific value	GJ/l	0.0385
Coal calorific value	GJ/t	29.4
Combustion of coal: carbon dioxide emission	kg/GJ	82.8
Combustion of coal: NOx emission	kg/GJ	0.164
Combustion of coal: SOx emission	kg/GJ	0.91
Combustion of sludge: carbon dioxide emission	kg/tVS	1800
Combustion of sludge: NOx emission	kg/tVS	1.92
Combustion of sludge: SOx emission	kg/tVS	0.48
Agriculture: direct nitrous oxide emission as nitrogen	% TKN	0.7
Liquor treatment: direct carbon dioxide emission	kg/kgBOD	0.7
Composting: direct carbon dioxide emission	kg/tVS	1800
Composting: direct nitrous oxide emissions as nitrogen	% TKN	0.7

APPENDIX C DETAILED RESULTS

This appendix contains the detailed results from MASTAR for the sludge processes using new (Table C1) or existing facilities (Table C2).

Table C1 Detailed results from MASTAR for processes using new facilities

PARAMETER	Scheme 2A	Scheme 2C	Scheme 1A	Scheme 3A	Scheme 4A	Scheme 5A	Scheme 6A	Scheme 7A
	EH Air cooling Digest Dewater Agric	EH Recover Energy Digest Dewater Agric	Digest Dewater Agric	Dewater Lime Agric	Dewater Incin Landfill	Digest Dewater Incin Landfill	Ferment Cake Dewater Agric	Cambi Digest Dewater Agric
SUMMARY OF VALUES								
Raw sludge daily dry mass (tDS/d)	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
Net Primary Energy Total (GJ/tRwDS)	-3.8	-6.4	-6.3	2.2	-0.9	-1.1	1.1	-4.4
Total Greenhouse Equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	1150	1060	1396	1597	1349	1795	1366	1035
Total Acid Gas Equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.03
Total Mean Daily Distance (km/tRwDS)	10.1	10.1	9.9	19.9	18.6	14.0	11.5	9.3
Net Capital Cost (£/tRwDS)	78	78	78	6	129	164	25	78
Net Operating Cost (£/tRwDS)	-14	-34	-28	61	65	56	31	-17
Net Present Cost (£/tDS)	70	58	62	40	166	196	42	68
BREAKDOWN OF VALUES								
NET PRIMARY ENERGY								
Npe imported fuel - E1 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.51
Npe net electricity - E2 (GJ/tRwDS)	-4.06	-6.63	-6.45	0.82	-3.25	-3.02	0.95	-5.13
Npe consumables - E3 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.73	0.73	0.72	2.12	1.48	1.07	0.84	0.68
Npe capital - E4 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.33	0.33	0.26	0.02	0.53	0.61	0.10	0.33
Npe waste heat recovery - E5 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Npe transport fuel - E6 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.36	0.33	0.25	0.21	0.17
Npe transport capital - E7 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Npe disposal byproducts - E8 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Npe Consumables saved - E9 (GJ/tRwDS)	-1.01	-1.01	-1.00	-1.09	0.00	0.00	-1.05	-0.97
Npe total (GJ/tRwDS)	-3.81	-6.39	-6.28	2.23	-0.90	-1.08	1.06	-4.41
GAS EMISSIONS								
CH ₄ gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	8.14	8.14	16.11	12.99	1.00	11.85	9.27	7.64
CO ₂ gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	877	787	957	1,173	1,328	1,546	1,056	779
SOX gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	-0.32	-1.01	-0.79	0.80	0.53	1.14	0.77	-0.62
N ₂ O gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.31
NOX gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	1.77	1.54	1.94	1.55	2.57	3.42	1.94	1.73
GREENHOUSE EQUIVALENT								
CH ₄ greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	170.85	170.85	338.39	272.77	21.00	248.95	194.67	160.48
CO ₂ greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	876.91	787.29	956.98	1,173.47	1,327.65	1,545.75	1,055.83	779.20
SOX greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	-0.09	-0.28	-0.22	0.22	0.15	0.32	0.22	-0.17
N ₂ O greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	102.13	102.13	100.42	150.10	0.00	0.00	115.10	95.17
Total greenhouse equivalent (kgCO₂/tRwDS)	1,150	1,060	1,396	1,597	1,349	1,795	1,366	1,035
ACID GAS EQUIVALENT								
SOX acid gas equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.00
NOX acid gas equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.04
Total acid gas equivalent (kgH⁺/tRwDS)	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.03
TRANSPORT								
Total mean daily distance (km/tRwDS)	10.1	10.1	9.9	19.9	18.6	14.0	11.5	9.3
COSTS								
Net capital cost £'000 (Total Cost)	20,860	20,860	20,909	1,484	34,586	43,842	6,680	20,853
Net operating cost (£'000/y)	-181	-455	-376	814	872	748	410	-223
Net capital cost (£/tRwDS) [20 years]	78	78	78	6	129	164	25	78
Net operating cost (£/tRwDS)	-14	-34	-28	61	65	56	31	-17
Net present cost (£'000) [20 years]	18,780	15,637	16,928	10,102	43,819	51,764	11,025	18,301
Net present cost (£/tRwDS) [20 years]	70	58	62	40	166	196	42	68

Table C2 Detailed results from MASTAR for processes using existing facilities

PARAMETER	Scheme 2B	Scheme 2D	Scheme 1B	Scheme 3B	Scheme 4B	Scheme 5B	Scheme 6B	Scheme 7B
	EH Air cooling Digest Dewater Agric	EH Recover energy Digest Dewater Agric	Digest Dewater Agric	Dewater Lime Agric	Dewater Incin Landfill	Digest Dewater Incin Landfill	Ferment Cake Dewater Agric	Cambi Digest Dewater Agric
SUMMARY OF VALUES								
Raw sludge daily dry mass (tDS/d)	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
Net Primary Energy Total (GJ/tRwDS)	-4.0	-6.6	-5.3	2.2	-0.9	-1.2	1.0	-4.6
Total Greenhouse Equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	1135	1045	1404	1595	1347	1783	1365	1023
Total Acid Gas Equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.0
Total Mean Daily Distance (km/tRwDS)	10.1	10.1	11.0	19.9	18.6	14.0	11.5	9.3
Net Capital Cost (£/tRwDS)	33	33	33	2	125	119	22	42
Net Operating Cost (£/tRwDS)	-14	-34	-19	61	65	56	31	-17
Net Present Cost (£/tDS)	25	13	22	36	162	148	40	33
BREAKDOWN OF VALUES								
NET PRIMARY ENERGY								
Npe imported fuel - E1 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.51
Npe net electricity - E2 (GJ/tRwDS)	-4.06	-6.63	-5.62	0.82	-3.25	-3.02	0.95	-5.13
Npe consumables - E3 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.73	0.73	0.80	2.12	1.48	1.07	0.84	0.68
Npe capital - E4 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.14	0.14	0.11	0.00	0.51	0.46	0.09	0.18
Npe waste heat recovery - E5 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Npe transport fuel - E6 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.18	0.18	0.20	0.36	0.33	0.25	0.21	0.17
Npe transport capital - E7 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Npe disposal byproducts - E8 (GJ/tRwDS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Npe Consumables saved - E9 (GJ/tRwDS)	-1.01	-1.01	-1.04	-1.09	0.00	0.00	-1.05	-0.97
Npe total (GJ/tRwDS)	-4.01	-6.58	-5.29	2.22	-0.92	-1.23	1.04	-4.56
GAS EMISSIONS								
CH ₄ gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	8.14	8.14	17.21	12.99	1.00	11.85	9.27	7.64
CO ₂ gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	862	773	932	1,172	1,326	1,534	1,055	768
SOX gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	-0.41	-1.11	-0.83	0.79	0.52	1.06	0.77	-0.70
N ₂ O gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	0.33	0.33	0.36	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.31
NOX gas emissions (kg/tRwDS)	1.74	1.51	1.71	1.55	2.57	3.40	1.94	1.71
GREENHOUSE EQUIVALENT								
CH ₄ greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	170.85	170.85	361.37	272.77	21.00	248.95	194.67	160.48
CO ₂ greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	862.32	772.71	932.46	1,172.17	1,326.35	1,534.19	1,054.87	767.63
SOX greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	-0.12	-0.31	-0.23	0.22	0.15	0.30	0.21	-0.19
N ₂ O greenhouse equivalent (kgCO ₂ /tRwDS)	102.13	102.13	110.37	150.10	0.00	0.00	115.10	95.17
Total greenhouse equivalent (kgCO₂/tRwDS)	1,135	1,045	1,404	1,595	1,347	1,783	1,365	1,023
ACID GAS EQUIVALENT								
SOX acid gas equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	-0.01
NOX acid gas equivalent (kgH ⁺ /tRwDS)	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.04
Total acid gas equivalent (kgH⁺/tRwDS)	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.03
TRANSPORT								
Total mean daily distance (km/tRwDS)	10.1	10.1	11.0	19.9	18.6	14.0	11.5	9.3
COSTS								
Net capital cost £'000 (Total Cost)	8,803	8,803	8,869	411	33,512	31,785	5,886	11,282
Net operating cost (£'000/y)	-181	-455	-249	814	872	748	410	-223
Net capital cost (£/tRwDS) [20 years]	33	33	33	2	125	119	22	42
Net operating cost (£/tRwDS)	-14	-34	-19	61	65	56	31	-17
Net present cost (£'000) [20 years]	6,723	3,580	6,229	9,029	42,746	39,707	10,231	8,730
Net present cost (£/tRwDS) [20 years]	25	13	22	36	162	148	40	33