

**From:** David Huckstep [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2023 6:00 PM  
**To:** Andrew Rutter <Andrew.Rutter@suffolk.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Phone conversation regarding Haverhill 22/11/23

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Good Evening Andrew

Please would you be kind enough to post this email and attachments on the Portal. (hopefully zipped up they are not too big)

Richard and his father have farmed the land adjacent to the proposal for three generations. They do not need a desk top survey to confirm the flood risk.

Their practical knowledge and first hand management of the land, is unquestionable. They do not need a desk top survey to confirm the flood risk.

Richard on his instigation, has met with the current incumbents of The Thurlow Estate on the application site, but regrettably they have not been in post long enough to understand the land they are managing. They do not see flooding as a risk to the proposal.

When Acorn were shown these pictures, at their recent road show in the Village Hall, they too adopted the same oblivious attitude, and were in complete denial of the flood risk.

They did on reflection, firing from the hip state it would not be an issue as they could access the site via an over bridge.

This does not appear to be included in their construction phase plans as submitted so far.

This may solve the wheel wash scenario of contamination of the water course but the layout of the site is such that the feed clamps as located on plan will spend the most of autumn and winter months under water.

This is far from ideal for farm yard waste.

KR David

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**From:** richard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 November 2023 16:02

**To:** David Huckstep [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Phone conversation regarding Haverhill 22/11/23

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** richard [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 24 November 2023 at 12:48:33 GMT  
**To:** Enquiries\_EastAnglia <[Enquiries\\_EastAnglia@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries_EastAnglia@environment-agency.gov.uk)>  
**Subject: Re: Phone conversation regarding Haverhill 22/11/23**

Dear Lisa,

Please find attached photos of the continuous flooding of (meldham washland field) the proposed site for A.D Plant.

On behalf of the Thurlow estate, Acorn Bioenergy have submitted a planning application (application no. SCC/0045/23SE) – for the construction of an anaerobic digester at the site mentioned above. This proposed plant would total around 31 acres of land consisting of 5 digesters, 17 metres high and 35 metres round. There will also be storage clamps and lagoons to contain the digestate and gasses. This site is adjacent to the stour brook water course which runs through the lower section of Meldham washlands. As you can see by the photos I have attached of continuous flooding over this piece of land, it would be catastrophic for an enterprise of this nature to be built at this location. The site is listed on the government website as a flood zone 3.

Please could you forward this information on to the appropriate people.

If I can provide any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Richard Haylock

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On 22 Nov 2023, at 18:34, Enquiries\_EastAnglia <[Enquiries\\_EastAnglia@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries_EastAnglia@environment-agency.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Haylock,

Following our telephone conversation, I am e-mailing to give you a point of contact to e-mail your details about what is happening in Haverhill.

Please can you send us all the details and any photos or videos you have as evidence, I will then pass this on to the appropriate people.

Many thanks,  
Lisa

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