

August 21, 2023

To: Julia Baird
Indy Wijenayaka
Andrew Rutter
Concerned parties

From: CodiKoat Ltd. leadership
Haverhill Research Park in the EpiCentre

Re: Acorn Anaerobic Digester

Founded in 2020 CodiKoat has become one of the fastest growing businesses not just in West Suffolk but also in the biosciences sector. With our ground-breaking innovation we offer the fastest-acting antimicrobial and antiviral coating technology in the world.

We have grown our business at the Haverhill Research Park in the EpiCentre. We provide high quality employment in the technology sector. This location not only offers ideal access to the Cambridge corridor but also an ideal setting for our rapidly growing team of innovators to continue their cutting-edge developments.

It has been brought to our attention that there are plans to create one of the country's largest Anaerobic Digester facilities directly opposite the EpiCentre. These plans as we understand them, will create five fermentation tanks at 16.5m in height and 34m in diameter, it will also have associated infrastructure such as a silage clamps, loading bays, hoppers, lagoons, and processing machinery. This facility will be a very noisy, high intensity operation and will also generate high levels of odour from both the silage and the digestate.

The noise and smell will be detrimental day to day to the team at CodiKoat, our offices are on the first and second floors facing this site.

We established our business at the Epicentre for its ideal location surrounded by rolling views of the countryside and relatively quiet surroundings. We hold meetings with international investors, clients and scientists, and value our environment not just for the excellent facilities the Epicentre provides but for the surrounding environment. This environment has also been a contributing factor to enable us to attract world class scientists to join our team.

In our view building the Anaerobic Digester so close to the Epicentre will affect our ability to recruit and retain staff. It will also make it a far less attractive venue to hold client meetings.

The plans proposed by Acorn and the Thurlow Estate to build the Anaerobic Digester on the proposed site will force CodiKoat to reconsider its growth plans at our current location and if we look elsewhere, it will not be in the local area.

We ask that the planning authority reject these plans and maintain this location as a location for innovation and enterprise.

Yours sincerely,

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Blake Gudgel
CEO

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Sarah Howard MBE
Chair