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Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the proposed development by Acorn of an anaerobic digester at Spring Grove Farm, Haverhill

I have never objected before to a development in all my life, but the location of this Anaerobic Digester so near residential houses and offices is beyond comprehension.

This proposed development goes against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Point 81 ("create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt") as it will have a **NEGATIVE EFFECT ON LOCAL JOBS**. What companies would like to locate to the Haverhill Research Park if this proposal goes ahead? How many high value jobs will be lost in the local economy? There is still land to be developed next EpiCentre. Also, would you be sending your children to the nearby nursery or visit ?

The development also goes against the National Planning Policy for Waste:

Appendix B.h&1 (odour and vermin including flies) as it is not taking into consideration the proximity to residential housing and offices. Do you want a repeat of Enfield Farm Anaerobic Digester in Devon which was also built at a similar distance to residential housing? That case was near a village, Haverhill is a TOWN!
<https://www.devonlive.com/news/five-years-flies-anaerobic-digester-2991688> "Five years of flies, odour and dust from an anaerobic digester that has 'blighted lives'".

Also, what detrimental effect will it have on our enjoyment of West Town Park which has been designated a County Wildlife Site by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Appendix B.f (traffic) The A1307 is already a nightmare for commuters with a high level of accidents and this will make it even worse.

It also goes against the "Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan GP4. *If the proper council goes against their own planning policies, what was the point in drawing them up in the first place!*

- a: pluvial, fluvial, tidal and groundwater flood risk (there are many photos of flooding at the proposed site taken in many recent occasions that testify about this)
- b: vehicle movements, access and the wider highways network (A1307 is already congested)
- c: landscape character, visual impact (main access to most visitors entering Haverhill)
- h: neighbouring land-use (offices and housing)
- j: noise and vibration
- k: air quality including dust and odour
- r: litter, vermin and birds (flies).

Has Acorn/Thurlow Estate/Vestey family ever considered other proposed sites? The proposed development is in the **WRONG LOCATION**.

I just hope that common sense will prevail.

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