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Subject: Re: Proposed Development at Spring Grove Farm – planning Application SCC/0045/23SE

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Dear Mr Rutter,

Re: Proposed Development at Spring Grove Farm – planning Application SCC/0045/23SE

I am writing to you to put my very 100% strong views on why Haverhill is not the place to put a Biomass Digester Plant that will produce Methane and fertilisers that are to be trucked over to Milton Keynes. I am sure there will have to be a large number of tankers, trucks and large tractor trailers every day to make the 67 or so miles to Milton Keynes and back with either volatile gasses or liquids.

This Biomass Digester Plant should be built close to Milton Keynes to minimise the harm to the environment and protect both Cambridgeshire and Suffolk from all the traffic that would be created if the plant was in Haverhill. Perhaps we should ask Cambridgeshire what they think?

The A1307 at Haverhill is not the place to put one of these Biomass Digester Plants. The road would not cope with the influx of hundreds of trucks coming and going from this site and the mess this would create along the A1307 in both directions. Ask any farmer you cannot have muck without mess and there will be spillages.

The proposed entrance to the site is in a Zone 3 for flooding area and when it rains there will be run off from the plant into fields and into water courses, that run through the town, when this happens the smell and pollution will be unbearable, and would destroy what's left of the town.

The site is very close to the EPI Centre at the entrance to Haverhill on the A1307 and various companies have already said they would have to move out of Haverhill if the plant was built.

There is also a large existing housing estate and a new additional estate in the process of being built, near to the proposed plant site. These estates are within 800 yards of the proposed Biomass Digester plant. We saw what happened at the Oxford with the explosions due to lightning strikes and at that site there was no where near housing, so why is it ok to build a Biomass Digester Plant right next to Hanchett Village and the Arboretum Estates. Methane is not a product you want next to a housing estate or a Research Park, it is far too inflammable and explosive.

Every Biomass Digester Plant that has been built, the people who live locally to one of these plants complain about the health effecting smells and the mess that is made of the roads. The internet has many examples of individuals expressing their dismay at the noise and pollution and stench of these Digester plants.

Please do not inflict this Biomass Digester plant on the people of Hanchett Village, Haverhill and Withersfield.

If we had to have anything a solar farm would be far more practical and easy to build, there would not be any traffic to the site other than a maintenance engineer on odd occasions and its products would not need to be transported by trucks. It would just be plugged into the grid, benefiting the town, businesses, farms and future manufacturing growth in the area. This would be a far better way of meeting Suffolk's CO2 conservation targets, the ground would not be ruined and the soil would still be part of the flood defences of Haverhill.

This site at Spring Gate Farm should be conserved for the day a light railway or bus way is built to link Haverhill and the villages beside the A1307 into Cambridge and reduce some of the traffic from the A1307, and to provide proper access to the Educational and Manufacturing /Retail opportunities that these industries provide. That would meet the County targets for development in West Suffolk and the Haverhill Town plans for Growth, Housing and Business, in an Eco friendly way.

I feel very strongly that this Biomass Digester Plant should not be built here. Why would we let our children go outside to play and breath in obnoxious smells.

Kind regards

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