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To: Andrew Rutter, Case Officer, Suffolk County Council

Application Number: SCC/0045/23SE

Construction and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility, associated infrastructure and new access road, connecting pipeline and covered digestate lagoons

Applicant: Acorn Bioenergy Limited/Thurlow Estate

Dear Mr Rutter,

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

As a resident of Withersfield, myself and my family are horrified to see that a process such as anaerobic digestion, and a development of such an industrial size could be allowed on the very edge of and one of the main entrances to Haverhill. It is clear that this plant, should it go ahead, will benefit no-one except the fledgling Acorn company and the Thurlow Estate, owned by the Vesty family. There is zero benefit to Haverhill or the surrounding villages, in fact quite the opposite.

Residents of Haverhill, Withersfield and other villages will be forced to put up with:

- A significant increase in HGVs and farm vehicles on totally unsuitable roads,
- Unpleasant smells, especially in the summer months, meaning we will not be able to enjoy outdoor open spaces, even our gardens,

- The infestation of flies and vermin attracted to the awful smells and by-products created by the process
- A risk of methane leakage (many of these types of plants record regular methane leakages),
- Light and noise pollution at all times of the day and night,
- Risk of flooding of residual chemical, including possibly hydrogen sulphide, into the Stour Brook and Flood Park,
- The destruction of local wildlife in and around the area,
- It will be an eyesore at one of the main entrances to the town,
- The site proposed for this awful plant is designated as agricultural, and this development is clearly industrial.
- The local council and community of Haverhill and surrounding villages have worked hard to improve the facilities and reputation of our town and this will undo so much of our hard work.

Please consider the effects this monstrosity will have on the countryside and people of Haverhill, Withersfield and other surrounding villages. I implore you to deny those who would profit from our misery and deny this horrific application.

Yours faithfully,

Anjuli Riley

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