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CHURCH STREET, WITHERSFIELD, BRIDGE

Good morning Mr Rutter,

I am enclosing my report on the roads of Withersfield that I am concerned should not be subjected to further daily heavy traffic.

We are threatened with 20 lorries daily by the Acorn Biodigester plant.

Acorn Lorries: 44 tonnes is the maximum gross/overall weight of the vehicle including its load. The maximum load is 29 tonnes but 27 tonnes is the average.

I am particularly concerned about this small bridge in Church Street

Church Street Bridge: Length 55.8m Width 5.26m (road 3.46m + 2 pavements each 90cm = 1.8m). Sides of bridge made of wooden boards painted white -length 4.5m. Brick wall beneath bridge – from base of bridge down to bed of brook 1.8m, with a high and wide arch in the centre.

Lorries entering the village by 2 routes: from either Great Thurlow via Withersfield's Thurlow and Turnpike Roads or the roundabout on the A1307 by Bradnam's to enter Queen Street and proceed to the centre of

the village. From the centre the lorries will have to turn up Church Street to drive to the top of its hill to the entrance to the Acorn plant adjacent to The White Horse. Immediately after entering Church Street there is this very small bridge over the Albury/Stour stream that every lorry will have to drive over.

There is no weight restriction on this bridge at present. If only a small number of the fully loaded Acorn lorries use that bridge daily, can the bridge withstand that pressure? **IMPORTANT** - Could a weight restriction be procured to stop the lorries crossing this bridge? If so, 2 routes for lorries entering the village and driving up Church Street to the entrance to the Acorn plant would be blocked.

I hope this might be helpful in our attempt to prevent this imposition on our village.

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