

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

25th October 2023

Dear Sir

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

As a resident of Haverhill, 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 dropped on the doorstep of 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/Withersfield, in fact quite the opposite.

Residents of Haverhill/Withersfield 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, (this is a very real possibility as over the last few years, we have experienced large amounts of rainfall in the latter part of the year, which has led to significant flooding in this area),
- The destruction of local wildlife in and around the area,
- The site proposed for this awful plant is designated as agricultural, and this development is clearly industrial

In the past Haverhill has ended up with Industrial sites that have produced awful smells and some leaking pollutants into the water courses. These problems have never been dealt with and resolved promptly.

The Biodigester facility will be feeding onto the A1307, the main approach road to the town, this will only add to congestion that we experience already.

I implore you to consider the health and happiness of the people of Haverhill/Withersfield – deny those who would profit from our misery and deny this horrific application.

Yours Faithfully



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