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Attn: 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 am emailing you to express my strong objection to the proposed development of an anaerobic digester at Spring Grove Farm, Haverhill.

We moved to Haverhill less than a year ago to enjoy the countryside and the tranquility surrounding Haverhill. We have enjoyed our time here immensely and are slowly beginning to integrate into the community and were excited to be part of a thriving and developing area. I am now appalled to see a development of such an industrial size could be built on the doorstep of Haverhill. It is clear that this plant is intended to benefit no-one except Acorn and the Thurlow Estate, owned by the Vesty family. In my opinion there appears to be no benefit to Haverhill in fact quite the opposite.

Our home is very close to the intended site and as residents of Haverhill we will be forced to endure:

- A significant increase in HGVs and farm vehicles on totally unsuitable roads. The A1307 is already extremely busy, dangerous and these vehicles will add more volume and damage to an already congested road
- From research, Acorn have no experience in building or running such a facility. There have also be inconsistencies in Acorn's application illustrating that their eagerness to start making money has been more important than paying attention to detail
- Foul smells, especially in the summer months when we should be enjoying outdoor living, meaning we will not be able to enjoy our gardens and outdoor spaces - and one of the reasons why we moved to live here,

- 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),
- . This facility does nothing to add to the Haverhill 2031 vision and I am pretty sure local businesses will very likely relocate and any new businesses will be eliminated Haverhill from their choice of relocation
- 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,
- The site proposed for this awful plant is designated as agricultural, and this development is clearly industrial

I implore you to consider our health and wellbeing and that of the people of Haverhill and surrounding villages. This plant will make life simply unbearable and, should it go ahead, we will definitely be moving away.

Kind regards

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