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RE: ACORN BIOENERGY PLANT PROPOSAL REF: SCC/0045/23SE

Dear Andrew

With regards to the proposal for the above plant in Withersfield, Haverhill, I would like to put forward to you my strong objections to this proposal.

Whilst such a plant should have obvious benefits to this county, if located in a more appropriate area, the benefits do not appear to be for us at all. Unfortunately if this location proposal is granted now, or, at some point in the future, I feel that it will be to the detriment of many people who live in this area and likewise for businesses too, not to mention the issues that it would create for the environment and wildlife with the removal of trees and hedges destroying their habitats.

Whilst I can quite appreciate the fact that this would greatly benefit the Vestey's and no doubt their 'friends/acquaintances' along the way, as this area is not suitable for farming due to the flood risk, perhaps not enough thought has been placed on the effect that it would have on everyone else, as it of course is not proposed for their 'back- yard'. If of course the Vestey's have a vested interest in the community and their true intention is for the local community and environment at large, it may be more prudent for them to create a beautiful park area for all to enjoy including local wildlife, instead. A bioenergy plant could then be located on land next to major roads and farmland and avoid areas with increasing numbers of housing and businesses.

A park could indeed boost local morale for all to enjoy including wildlife and be a positive step for the environment too. No one would have to worry about their properties or businesses depreciating in value, driving existing people and businesses away and losing potential new businesses into the area which will affect the local economy. The residents of Withersfield would no longer have to worry about constant heavy vehicles driving through the lanes, or potential road accidents which will inevitably occur, as these lanes are barely wide enough to cope with current traffic, or the stench from their loads. The community at large would not have to be concerned about opening windows, enjoying their gardens, going to the various pubs, restaurants and cafes or any of the activities that we all currently take for granted.

For the vast majority of people, businesses and wildlife in this area, the building of such a plant would create nothing but misery and stress. This strikes me as being a very selfish and totally

inconsiderate thing to do in order to increase private wealth, when we have miles of uninhabited road networks with acres of land surrounding them where heavy traffic could reach such a plant safely and not interfere with anyone 24/7. I am not sure why it would be deemed acceptable to build such a plant next to such a built up area which is constantly increasing in size, other than for personal gain for all those who support it.

In conclusion, we all have to think about the environment and do our bit for the planet, but not at the expense of destroying so many lives, when we have so many other more appropriate areas to locate such a vast plant.

Thank you in anticipation of your attention.

Yours sincerely

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