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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 Sir

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

As a resident of Haverhill I am devastated that this development has been proposed on this site. The area in question provides unique recreational services for the town's population and enhances green corridors encouraging biodiversity. Recent planning for Haverhill has led to a massive explosion of residential properties to the north of the town, depleting residents' access to open countryside and diminishing wildlife habitats. Although the site may look like "wasteland" to planners, it is incredibly rich. I recently saw a merlin and turkey tail fungus there amongst others. It will be detrimental to Haverhill.

Residents of Haverhill will be forced to put up with:

- A significant increase in HGVs and farm vehicles on totally unsuitable roads, which already struggle at peak times and creating further air pollution that will affect residents.
- Unpleasant smells, especially in the summer months, meaning we will not be able to enjoy outdoor open spaces, even our gardens,
- 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. Particularly poignant, given the recent floods around Haverhill and future predictions from the Environmental Protection Agency. Construction will create an impermeable surface preventing rainfall from infiltrating to groundwater enhancing flood events.
- The destruction of local wildlife in and around the area,
- The site proposed for this plant is designated as agricultural, and this development is clearly industrial.

- Aesthetically terrible position, which demotes the liveability factor of Haverhill.

I fully support initiatives to promote sustainable energy, but this is simply the wrong place to do it.

I love living in this town and part of West Suffolk due to its quiet nature and access to the countryside – please do not destroy it.

Kind regards,

Kerry D'Arcy

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