

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 46 Brickfields Drive, Haverhill CB9 9SJ, my family and I 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,
- The A1307 is already congested with traffic entering and exiting Haverhill,
- Unpleasant smells, especially in the summer months, meaning we will not be able to enjoy outdoor open spaces, even our gardens,
- House prices will fall and we will not be able to sell our homes,
- 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,
- 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.
- Too **close** to residential homes & town!!

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.

Regards,

Mrs, Catherine Da Costa