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Good morning

Just to confirm that I am a Withersfield resident who would be affected by this silage waste plant being built locally.

Clearly Muck Off Acorn has a large local following opposing this possible biodigester / silage waster plant project being built so close to Haverhill & Withersfield.

I also list my concerns opposing this plant being built here, inappropriately located a short distance outside Haverhill on a busy junction of the A1307 near the Epicentre & a housing development / Silver Street to Withersfield.

In my view the worst location possible, with the putrid smells, lack of air quality, health & safety issues etc from this plant affecting near by population / houses, local public houses, school runs, dog walks and loss of jobs when people working at the Epicentre move out to relocate & the White Horse & Flying Scuttle public houses possibly closing.

Also the increase in traffic to an already congested road / junctions needs to be considered. The A1307 / Silver Street are already very busy and the last thing they need is 24/7 slow moving tractors / trailers & HGV slow moving vehicles all carrying smelly loads adding to the congestion.

Another consideration needs to be addressed, with the loss of agricultural land, trees, wildlife, bats, insects etc etc.

As you will know flooding & drainage becomes an issue, washing inevitable vehicle slurry spillage from the surrounding roads & plant area itself into the ground itself.

The view from houses on Silver Street will be spoilt having to see these large silo tanks / light pollution with compound lighting 24/7.

Eyesore compound perimeter fencing to the site.
Further surface road damage caused by 24/7 HGV, tractors & trailers.

Not to mention the recent explosion I saw on the News, when a silo was struck by lightning. Luckily nobody was killed or injured.

I have driven pass the silage waste plant built in 2012 / 2013 on the A505 between Royston & Baldock on many occasions and one can smell the emissions.

However this plant has been built in a non residential area out in the sticks, so there must be alternative areas Acorn could locate to out in the sticks, away from Haverhill & Withersfield.

So many considerations why this proposal to this area in my view is totally unacceptable in the proposed location.

I trust all my considerations, along with others are taken on board & why this proposal should not go ahead.

Best wishes
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