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Dear Mr Rutter,

As a resident of the Arboretum Estate in Withersfield, I strongly object to Acorn's proposal for an anaerobic digester plant for the following reasons;

**Severe impact on Highways safety**

- The large number of HGV's that will be trafficking waste to and from the site on a regular basis using the A1307 the HGV's will inevitably leave mud and debris across the road surface potentially leading to serious accidents with vehicles and pedestrians. This road is already highly hazardous and there have been many fatalities, we don't need for there to be more hazards on the roads.
- Residents of the Arboretum already struggle to turn out of the estate onto 3 Counties Way, with the HGV's from the proposed site having to use the gateway roundabout to turn back to the A1307 this will become almost impossible with the amount of traffic that will be queuing to get to the roundabout and will become highly dangerous.

**Impact to the local areas**

Bad odours - No matter what Acorn say - the site will smell bad! You only have to visit other sites like this to realise this. This bad smell will impact local areas, housing and businesses. We would be living within close proximity to this site and the last thing we want is to be subjected to this awful smell everyday! No one should have to live with that. Our daily lives will become untenable and we would never be able to sell our house if we wanted to move because no one is going to want to buy it and live in an area that smells really bad.

- Noise and light - with the site running 24/7, the impact on local residents will be substantial given the amount of HGV's being used. The electrical humming noise will also be constant.
- Businesses - it has been reported that companies are already looking to leave the newly built Epicentre due to Acorns proposal. There are also 2 pubs and children's nursery extremely close to the site. How are they suppose to survive this? Each of these businesses are far more valuable to the local area than Acorns AD plant would be and should therefore be prioritised. My child attends the nursery and we had planned for our next child (due in March) to also attend, however if Acorns plans are approved we will be forced to look elsewhere. How many other families will have to do the same?

**Location**

This is quite obviously the wrong location for this proposed Anaerobic Digestion plant. It does not give anything to the local area, especially given the energy it does create will be trucked to Milton Keynes.

Local residents and business will be paying a huge price and will see no benefit. Spring Grove Farm is not designated for industrial use and this is too big to be classed as an agricultural plant.

I sincerely hope that you take onboard my concerns regarding Acorns proposal and the carefully consider the 100's of objections that you will be receiving.

Kind Regards,

Paul Jarvis

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