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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/Hanchett End, myself and my family are horrified to see that a process such as this, and a development of such an industrial size could be dropped on the doorstep of Haverhill.

This plant, won't benefit anyone in the town except initial construction companies, Acorn company, 5 people who will work there and the land owner.

There is zero benefit to Haverhill/Withersfield/Hanchett End, in fact quite the opposite.

Residents of Haverhill/Withersfield/Hanchett End will be forced to put up with:

- A significant increase in HGVs and farm vehicles on totally unsuitable roads,
- Unpleasant smells, especially in the summer months, meaning we will not be able to enjoy outdoor open spaces, even our gardens,
- 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.

The recent building of the epicentre was to entice new business into the area, but not this kind of business, who would want to use this space and Cafe if we have this monstrosity?

Even in 2024 people still snub Haverhill without building this monstrosity! Whilst building lots of new homes, who would want to come and live here with this stench and all the other negatives that this development brings will affect the property prices in the area?

The Flying Shuttle, The White Horse, The Cafe at the Epicentre, Childrens Nursery, all businesses right on the doorstep of this proposed development, how will this development affect their businesses? Will people be discouraged from using these businesses because of this proposed development?

Whilst this development could create a few jobs, these already established businesses are at risk of losing their livelihood if this development goes ahead.

Local residents, the flood plain - will people still be able to enjoy these places in summer months or will it affect their health and mental health?

With the mention of affecting peoples health and mental health if this plant goes ahead it could have an impact on the already overstretched NHS. We need to look at the bigger picture of this proposed development for the people and services in the surrounding area not just Acorn and the land owners profits!

Road links into Cambridge and surrounding areas aren't good. The road surfaces aren't good as it is without the added increase of HGV's the A1307 is stretched as it is with increased traffic.

With the expansion of the town with new residential buildings we have already lost areas where nature thrives, and green spaces which are good for peoples mental health and wellbeing.

This development in my eyes would be another example of losing nature and wildlife, and the positive impact nature brings to the environment and the negative impact this proposed development could bring to residents wellbeing and leisure activities.

This planned development in my eyes would be a complete eyesore! And again benefits no one except Acorn and the Vesty family pockets.

I implore you to consider the health and happiness of the people of Haverhill/Withersfield/Hanchett End – deny those who would profit from our misery and deny this horrific application.

Yours sincerely,

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