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Dear Mr Rutter

Objection to Acorn Planning Application SCC/0045/23SE

I have recently attended the meeting held in Withersfield on the 1st November and seeing that there have been significant changes to what we were told about the project the year previous, I would like to raise objections to the proposal. I would also like to point out that the people that were there on behalf of Acorn were incredibly rude to other people that they were in discussion with. I felt that they treated the visitors to this meeting with total disdain.

Not only would this be unsightly as you enter Haverhill, and conflict with the National Design Guide, but people will be met but rather odious aromas. I understand that there are environmental benefits, but these in my opinion do not outweigh the detrimental aspects. Originally, we were advised that there would be no more than 8 trucks per week, only to learn at the meeting that this has now been raised to 56. That is without the vehicles that would be transporting the animal and crop waste, potentially an additional 5000 or more. This would cause an unacceptable level of traffic in and around the local area. I was further shocked to learn that this biomethane would then have to be transported to Milton Keynes. How is this environmentally friendly?

Building this site will not employ local builders, but specialists. The site may offer a total of 5 positions of employment, but these people are unlikely to come from Haverhill, and even if they did, does this outweigh the number of people that will move their businesses away? The council have been expanding Haverhill and surrounding areas and is one of the fastest growing areas in Suffolk, without adding infrastructure for the roads and this site will just be adding more frustration to the congestion. I can not understand why it has to be built so close to homes (300m), offices (200m), restaurants and children's care facilities. There are surely more acceptable places for this to be built, closer to or even on the A11 which will be better for links to Milton Keynes, rather than our very small A1307. This can not be the only place that is up for sale.

I am concerned about this being so close to waterways with possible seepage occurring into them. This site, I believe is on a Cat 2 or 3 flood zone. Should anything be built here? Surely if this is at risk of flooding then it goes to reason that the water will have to go somewhere and this will probably end up in the Stour River. This will have a negative impact on the fish and wildlife within the river. I have not seen anything to suggest what type of crops will be digested. Will these be totally untreated crops? Are these crops to be grown over and over again in the same fields? What about the nutrients needed to grow food. The soil needs to be balanced to grow anything. So will additional supplements be added to the soil?

The woodlands that they are proposing the pipeline to go through are very old and established. Have any studies been done on the impact for wildlife in these areas? Are these just going to be ripped

apart? These are all environmental issues that really need a lot of thought. The beauty of it all for little progress.

I do not feel that this has been properly thought through nor has this been consulted with the community properly and is therefore being located in an area that will make this impossible for me to move away as this will considerably devalue the property that I own.

Please note that I am not against the idea completely, but these plants should be located in areas away from peoples homes and communities. It is wrong to locate this in the area suggested.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R L Clarke