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To: Andrew Rutter <Andrew.Rutter@suffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning application reference: SCC/0045/23SE

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Dear Mr. Rutter

I write as a resident of Withersfield for getting on for forty years. My address is Hill Barn, Turnpike Hill, Withersfield, CB9 7RY.

I write to OBJECT in the strongest terms to this application. I am particularly concerned by the proposed anaerobic digester site being placed so close to Spring Grove Brook, which feeds through to Meldham Washland (or the flood park) just upstream of Haverhill, a growing town in West Suffolk. I have been walking my dogs past Spring Grove farm on public footpaths for many years and have seen flooding in the area of Spring Grove Farm on many occasions.

Walking around the flood park in recent summers, there have been notices about 'bloom' on Spring Grove Brook suggesting not to let children or dogs go into the water when there is a bloom. I am concerned that, with the huge acreage of current agricultural land that would be covered in concrete to support the anaerobic digester plant, that the run off water from this industrial site would inevitably go into Spring Grove Brook and then on to Meldham Washland, and onwards past Haverhill as the River Stour, eventually going through Constable Country before reaching the estuary near Manningtree. The run off water from such a site must inevitably contain far more undesirable substances than the current stream. This seems a potential example of modern science ignoring the attributes of nature that those of us who live in the country do NOT take for granted but fight to maintain against such opposition as the potential anaerobic digester on this site. Residual chemicals that could potentially escape from this site could cause harm from this site to the sea.

I also have grave concerns about the dangers of the inevitable increase in numbers of large agricultural vehicles through the village of Withersfield. The rural lanes are already damaged enough by the existing amount of heavy traffic. If this plant were to go ahead, and as I understand it all vehicles bringing the agricultural waste into the potential site, would have to enter from Silver Street in Withersfield, then this would also add to the dangers for pedestrians in the village. We are not blessed with footpaths through much of the village, and so have to use the road. I know how dangerous this can be in harvest time with the volume of large vehicles then, when frequently I have had to take avoiding action prior to the passing of a large vehicle with my dogs. It seems that with the arrival of

a potential huge anaerobic plant on this site that those dangers would continue throughout the year, so on the basis of safety of pedestrian use of the roads in Withersfield I place my objection before you.

Please give these comments your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Wenham