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Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:44 PM
To: Andrew Rutter [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for planning proposal SCC/0045/23SE

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Dear Andrew

I hope you are the correct person to whom I should be sending this message of support. If you're not, please accept my apology. Could you forward to the correct person or simply reply saying that you're not?

Planning Application Number: SCC/0045/23SE

Location: Land to the north of Spring Grove Farm, Withersfield, Suffolk, CB9 7SW

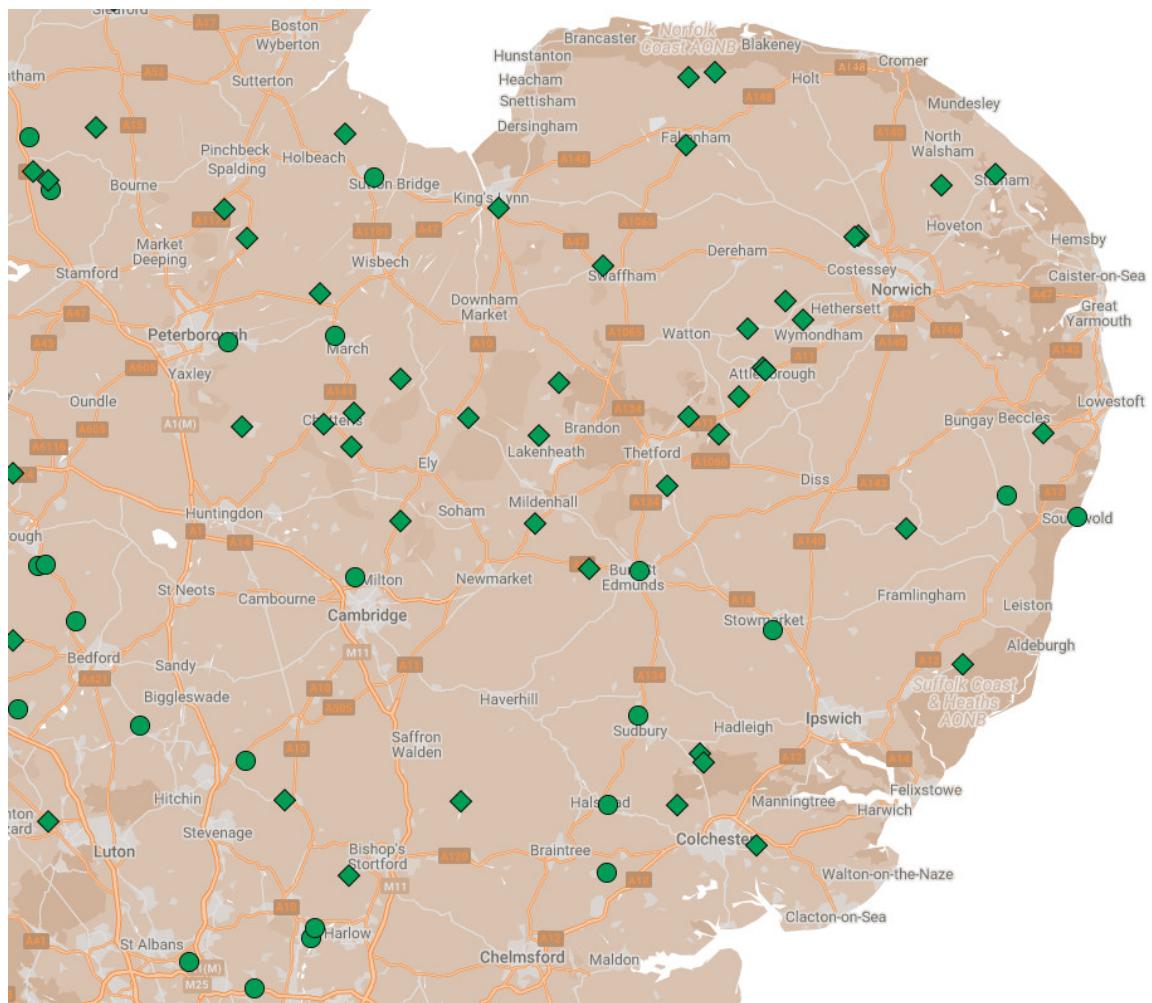
I wish to express my support for the planned AD plant.

Across the globe we face a climate emergency. Whilst not affecting locally very much yet, there are catastrophic incidents and changes around the world, right now. Man-made climate change is happening and will continue to worsen because the causes are already baked-in to the planet ecosystems. The best we can do now is to try to limit the effects, for the sake of our children, and theirs, and for people across our small planet who are not so fortunate in where they live.

We have a responsibility to act in the interests of the planet because it is in our own best interests. Anaerobic Digester plants are a positive step in mitigating the harm we are doing to the planet. The production of fossil free methane and CO₂ with the bonus by-product of digestate is a brilliant way to make use of a waste product. I am particularly keen on the idea of taking farm slurry, which would otherwise be spread raw onto fields (becoming a real run-off pollution hazard to water courses) and producing a material that can instead be used on those fields to improve the soil condition, help prevent run-off, and reduce our dependency on chemical fertilisers which are often shipped many thousands of miles.

I have seen the plans from Acorn and I have watched and heard the questions from local councillors and the responses from Acorn. The objections on the grounds of smell, noise, increased traffic (congestion and risk of collision) and pollution have all been considered and dealt with. The effects on our local community will be minimal, visually, audibly, and olfactorily. The benefits are well known. To the detractors, the benefits of this scheme may not obviously be to the advantage of local people. However, they are to the advantage of us all.

The UK map of AD plants shows there are many hundreds. The vicinity of Haverhill there are none. The choice of site is suited to take advantage of local farm waste. See inserted image.



Source: [Biogas Map | Anaerobic Digestion \(biogas-info.co.uk\)](http://Biogas Map | Anaerobic Digestion (biogas-info.co.uk)).

In considering the proposal I urge you to heed of the evidence of science and experience of the benefits afforded by AD plants across the country and not the outcry of 'not in my back yard' from some in the community who will object to anything that might conceivably affect their comfortable positions.

Best regards, Stephen Field

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