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**To: Andrew Rutter, Case Officer, Suffolk County Council**

**Application Number: SCC/0045/23SE**

**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/Withersfield, myself and my family are horrified to see that a process such as anaerobic digestion, and a development of such an industrial size could be dropped on the doorstep of Haverhill. It is clear that this plant, should it go ahead, will benefit no-one except the fledgling Acorn company and the Thurlow Estate, owned by the Vesty family. There is zero benefit to Haverhill/Withersfield, in fact quite the opposite.

Residents of Haverhill/Withersfield 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.

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

Kind regards

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