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To; Hampshire County Council
Winchester City Council

Anaerobic digester plant at Micheldever Station

I am writing on behalf of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) to object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

1. Traffic

It is stated that around 60 HGV's will arrive at the site each day, including week-ends, and, of course, they will leave again. Overton Road is simply not big enough to accommodate 120 HGV movements each day. The road is not wide enough for two HGV's to pass each other, as they undoubtedly will have to do with so many vehicle movements. Thus they will either mount the verges, destroying them, or one will reverse, holding up other traffic.

2. Noxious emissions

The village of Micheldever Station is about 1/4 mile from the proposed site and one house is very close. Emissions of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide will go over the village from time to time when the wind is in that direction and will produce an unpleasant smell for the local community, if nothing worse.

3. Visual impact

The plant will be nine metres high and one or more chimneys will be up to 100 feet high. Being on high ground, the chimneys will be visible from a considerable distance and will be a blot on the landscape.

4. Location of the plant

The proposal constitutes industrial development close to a quiet country village. It would change the character of the village and is clearly in the wrong place. Industrial plants should be located in employment areas on brownfield land

The claim that it would create 30 new jobs is unhelpful.. There is no unemployment in the area, so that employees would have to commute to and from the site, causing yet more traffic.

5. Supply of food waste

Anaerobic digesters are either in being , or planned, at Selborne, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield, both near Basingstoke, Laverstoke and possibly elsewhere. They need food waste from commercial sources and there will simply not be enough locally for all these plants. Consequently it will have to be brought in by lorry from other parts of the county, or an even wider area. This will cause carbon dioxide emissions which will nullify the small energy savings created by the plant.

The proposed plant is in the wrong place and, in the interests of the local community and the wider countryside, we urge you to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

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