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FROM ARCHENFIELD COTTAGE APPROX. 50 METERS FROM THE PROPOSED SEWER TREATMENT PLANT WHERE MY FAMILY AND I HAVE LIVED QUIETLY FOR 28 YEARS THIS WOULD HAVE A DEVASTATING AFFECT ON THE VALUE OF OUR PROPERTY AND OTHERS NEARBY

I strongly recommend that the Parish Council should object to this planning application. The petition I have handed you sets out a list of concerns identified and signed by 19 households, who are all affected by this proposal. The applicant, the new tenant at White House Farm, started the application process soon after moving in, based on the lack of profitability of the farm and having made no other attempts to diversify. Contrary to DEFRA guidelines no attempt was made to consult with neighbours before the application was registered.

If I may highlight and update some of the objections in the letter. Archenfield and its surroundings have particular scenic value and is included in the Black Mountain area that has recently been shortlisted by Natural England to be designated as an AONB, possibly in 2018/19 when funds allow. Hereford Council supports this proposal. Legal advice is that it should now be treated as a "material consideration" in planning matters.

ECOLOGY. This enormous facility would be built in a field that slopes into the adjacent Hardwicke Brook known to be a habitat for endangered species including white-clawed crayfish and otters. The vast excavations and earthworks required to accommodate this huge facility would release ^{DESTROYING THE ECOSYSTEM} nutrients into the brook. The unit, when in operation would also inevitably release pollution into the brook and thence into the River Wye, ^{WHICH IS} a Special Area of Conservation. Wildlife and ecological organisations, including the ^{CAMPAIGN FOR} CPRE and the Wye and Usk Foundation are working hard to reduce this pollution into the river systems by identifying High Risk Sights to hopefully ^{HAVE LEGISLATION PUT IN PLACE TO STOP} legislate against them being built on. This field is potentially a high risk sight.

Some people seem to be of the persuasion that these modern units are somehow cleaner and less polluting than older buildings. There is no evidence for this, they are still open vented sheds crammed full of chickens living above their own excrement ^{AND} filling the shed with ammonia rich fumes ^{which} ~~that~~ would kill them if ~~it were~~ ^{AUTOMATICALLY} not ~~intermittently~~ vented by powerful unfiltered fans into the air we have to breathe.

TRAFFIC. Clifford PC were supportive of Hereford Council imposing a Section 106, which is still in effect, limiting traffic movements to and from Llan-y-coed ^{GL} ~~campsite~~ due to the dangerous conditions of the lane to Archenfield. It would therefore be perverse not to object to an application that would allow total freedom for the largest HGV's permitted on UK roads to use this lane regularly, throughout the year. Also it was cited by the Secretary of State's appointed inspector, as part of her refusal ^{OF THE} ~~to~~ Bage Court's appeal at the end of last year, that increased HGVs on the B4348 would be "severely prejudicial to highway safety through Dorstone", the same route that would apply to this application. Hereford Highways Department refused the previously withdrawn application at White House Farm due to the lack of vision at the junction of the lane with the B4348 and was doubtful that this issue could be resolved.

As these units are financed by large organisations ^{AND NOT INDIVIDUAL FARMERS,} it has been suggested by CPRE and ^{ITS OUR COUNTY} ~~others~~ that they should be encouraged to build on more appropriate sites in Herefordshire. ~~There~~ would be no loss to the local economy and production could continue without industrialising and destroying ^{PRECIOUS} our countryside.