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Subject: Planning Application P222625/N Much Fawley Farm, Fawley Chapel Road, Fawley HR1 4SP

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Dear Mr Tansley.

Re - P222625/N Much Fawley Farm, Fawley Chapel Road, Fawley HR1 4SP

I completely object to this what appears to be a retrospective planning application. I will not include all the history of this site as information is in the public domain [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Plus this has been covered by other objectors.

As part of a significant number of Citizen Science Groups, all of whom have considerable concerns about the health of the Wye Catchment and how close we are to an Eutrophication tipping point, I am dismayed at the lack of positive intervention to save the ecology of the Catchment. This application is so lacking in detail that in my opinion the Planning Authority should issue an immediate refusal [REDACTED]

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Farming Rules for Water 2018 identify dirty water and any other terms such as digestate as slurry. It is highly destructive if leached or allowed to flow into the Wye. There should be no reason why environmental permits should be allowed in such close proximity to the Wye, SAC sensitive catchments, a SSSI or an AONB. It is time that Herefordshire Council and the regulatory agencies the Environment Agency and

Natural England plus Welsh Water combined their scientific and investigative skills to stop pollution reaching the Wye.

I respect that operating individually and within current regulations each may justify reasons why it is outside their remit to stop harmful operations. However, we all must accept that we have a moral obligation to find ways to stop pollution. Are we to be the generation that sat on our hands and passed on a dead river to the next generation?

The combined action must be to seek reasons and close down sources of pollution. I am aware of yet another pollution incident from this site reported to the Environment Agency this week. I hope there will be quick and intensive investigation and if it is found to be proven this will add to the reasons not only to refuse this application but to work towards stopping the possibility of any further pollution incidents.

This is a complex issue with many historical threads dating back many years. SEPA (Scottish version of the Environment Agency) on the river AYR have found positive results by conducting farm inspections once per month on any farms causing issues within the catchment. This is needed in this case to ensure the regulators are working with the farmer monitoring improvement. We should not simply say we followed the rules, but that we are prepared to do the right thing.

Kindest Regards

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