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Dear Rebecca Jenman,

My name is Alan Evans.

I'm a Citizen Science, one of four "Belmont Testers", testing the water of Newton Brook at three sites on the border of Belmont and Hunderton, Hereford.

We regularly find high levels of both phosphate and nitrate in our samples. The phosphate seems to have both rural and urban origins.

It's disappointing that the Wye catchment has been allowed to have so many chickens, with the unsolved problem of their phosphate-rich manure.

It's wrong that excess chicken manure has been added to croplands, where the excess phosphate in it has been leached into the R Wye and its tributaries, allegedly causing the deterioration of ecological conditions in the R Wye.

Biodigesters may help to reduce the problem. But there seem to be concerns with one big biodigester at the Whitwick Manor site, including traffic, as well as a large volume of digestate being discharged into one watercourse from a 40m x 40 m x 40 m volume of biodigester (if my Maths is ok from the planning info).

From what we Belmont Testers have seen, I'm very concerned that phosphate in the biodigestate will not be sufficiently reduced by the phosphate-stripping procedure and will cause continued ecological damage.

Therefore, I object to the planning application, as it stands.

Yours sincerely,

Alan

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