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Dear Ms Wass

## Application H/5002/18/CW Construction of a heat and power plant comprising biomass energy from waste facility and wastewater treatment plant at Warboys Landfill Site, Puddock Hill, Warboys

CPRE objects to this application.

(1) The effect on the landscape will be significant. There will be a process building of  $40m \times 18 m \times 9m$ , with 6 flues rising 3m above the roofline. In addition there will be the store building and office building, all making for a bulky, intrusive presence on the flat fenland landscape.

(2) While it is hoped that that the plant will be operated to the highest standards and be monitored by the licensing authority, we are nevertheless concerned that, should polluting emissions occur, there would be a damaging effect on the nearby Warboys Claypit Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Warboys and Wistow Wood SSSI.

(3) The applicant specifies there will be low level lighting for internal roads and pavements provided throughout the site. Nevertheless we are concerned that there will be light spillage into the countryside because of the proposed operation of the plant for 24 hours a day for 50 weeks of the year.

(4) The operation of the plant will require 16 deliveries of waste wood and waste water by 24 tonne HGVs or 27 tonne tankers each day, plus two deliveries per week of chemicals. There will be a further three HGVs per week removing ash and solid residue off the site. We seriously question whether the access road is suitable for this amount of traffic.

We urge that the application be refused.

Yours sincerely

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