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Dear Sirs

PROPOSED THETFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANT

This Council's Planning Committee agreed the following comments on the above proposal at its meeting on 4th November 2009. In forwarding these comments to you, I need perhaps to point out that the Town Council is aware that there will be a further opportunity to comment, once your company has submitted its formal planning application to Norfolk County Council.

Comments Passed

"RESOLVED that the following comments be passed to EPR Limited and copied to both Norfolk County Council and Carter Jonas (the latter acting for the Crown Estate):

1. The Committee's view, in summary, was that this was the right facility in the wrong place.
2. The Committee supported the principle of combining with a 'steam client', albeit not in this particular location, noting that, to its disappointment, there had been very little disclosure of the nature of the discussions that EPR Ltd had held with the Crown Estate, resulting in the choice of this site. As not only the elected body closest to local people but also as an owner of land in the immediate vicinity, the Town Council was very disappointed to have been given no opportunity to participate in any discussions.
3. The Committee noted that EPR Limited had seemingly not seen fit to bring forward its scheme proposal in time for Norfolk County Council to incorporate it in its revised Waste Strategy. Nor was any reference made to it in any LDF or Thetford Area Action Plan documentation produced to date.

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4. The *Brecks Study* advocated a 'softened edge' for Thetford and this proposed development hardly constituted that.
5. The proposed development would be on a greenfield site; one of the mitigating factors of the existing biomass facility had been its use of a brownfield site.
6. The Committee was concerned at the prospect of a limited fuel supply within the suggested 100-km radius of the site resulting, in operational reality, in many more, longer journeys from outside that area to deliver fuel. EPR Ltd was perceived to have been less than forthcoming to date on this particular point. Furthermore, if it transpired that the preferred fuel type was not available in sufficient quantity, what would happen?"

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully

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