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Subject: Planning Application Reference: 2023/01/SWIP

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We are writing to lodge our objections to the above planning application. Our objections are as follows:

1. The effect upon the local environment:

This operator (EnviroFuels) has a very poor record on filtering emissions resulting in toxic particles entering the atmosphere and manifesting as black ash on properties in Valley Gardens and residents being exposed to this.

After a complaint to our local MP, the Environment Agency visited the facility and it was revealed that necessary filtration equipment had not been installed and they were required to install it. There was a temporary improvement in the toxic emissions but this has recently started to happen again. Residents also have to contend with awful smells from the facility. As local residents we have little confidence that the operators will be diligent in preventing highly toxic and dangerous gases entering the atmosphere and thereby threatening the health of residents over a wide area.

2. The proposed development will be producing highly toxic and dangerous gas.

There are huge Health and Safety issues to be taken into account and we do not believe that a report commissioned by the applicant is the way to assess the Health and Safety issues. It should be totally independent and involve consultation with what the report calls "sensitive human receptors", we are PEOPLE.

3. There have been incidents of serious fires at this facility, these have required the closure of Accrington Road to enable the Fire Service to extract water from the Leeds/Liverpool canal as there is insufficient water available to fight any fire there. On the last occasion residents of Valley Gardens were unable to leave or return to their homes for several hours and at one point were advised that it may be necessary to evacuate our homes.

4. Huge waggons begin lining up on Accrington Road every day prior to 7am and then travel in convoy to the facility. These waggons often become stationary on the facility access road but keep their engines running sending out excessive exhaust fumes and causing pollution. This application will increase traffic to the facility. On leaving the site their speed appears to be in excess of that allowed for the facility. We would be more than happy for someone to stand in our garden from 7am to witness this.

5. We have tried to read and understand all the technical jargon contained in this application and can only conclude that it is not intended to be of any assistance to the residents ("Sensitive Human Receptors") when attempting to object to the application. We do not believe that something that has potential to be even more of a Health and Safety disaster should be decided upon by delegated powers to Officers of the Authorities (Lancashire County Council and Burnley Borough Council) without a Public Meeting/thorough Consultation process including speaking to residents and observing the reality of the situation.

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