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Dear Planning Committee,

As a local resident whose property is directly affected by this proposed development, I wish to formally register my objection. My concerns are deeply rooted in a strong ethical stance against animal welfare and cruelty, which I believe should be unequivocally illegal and reflected in our community's planning decisions.

I object to this application. Around 88% of UK ammonia emissions come from agriculture, and the government is committed to cutting ammonia emissions by 16% by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. Using the Environment Agency's own emission factors for weaner pigs in fully slatted housing, an additional 1800 weaner pigs at this site would produce in the region of 800kg of extra ammonia a year, taking the site's total ammonia output to around 1,196kg annually.

This can cause significant ammonia pollution to areas where local people live and work, and the application does not set out how this figure was reached or what it means for air quality in the surrounding area. Air quality issues around intensive animal farms can cause respiratory issues for residents.

Additionally, the Supreme Court in R (Finch) v Surrey County Council confirmed that indirect environmental effects cannot be excluded from assessment merely because they occur off-site. Greenhouse gas emissions cannot be ignored where they are integral to the development and have such a significant impact on climate change.

The purpose of the environmental impact assessment is to make sure that the environmental effects of a project are identified so decision-makers have full knowledge of the environmental cost. However, the current application provides insufficient information regarding greenhouse gas emissions, both upstream and downstream, and water use. Without this information, the planning authority cannot make a fully informed decision.

I do not believe the ammonia impact of this development has been adequately assessed, and I ask the council to refuse the application until it has been.

Yours sincerely,

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