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Dear Mr Ridley,

Hartlebury Incinerator

I would like to draw your attention to what I believe has been a serious failing on the part of Herefordshire Council in looking for the best possible option in dealing with the waste from the county.

Starting 2 - 3 years ago, proposals were developed to build a community owned anaerobic digester in or near Leominster (LeAD), to take local waste and produce renewable energy and heat. Feasibility studies were carried out with funding obtained through Sharenergy, into the most appropriate technology, and into planning, permits needed etc.

Feedstock sources were considered, farm waste, food processing and cider making waste, food waste from homes, schools, hospitals, pubs and restaurants, supermarkets etc. My colleague, Philippa Roberts, a member of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management, researched the feedstock options and was blocked by Herefordshire Council who refused to discuss the possibility of waste collected by the Council being available for the Leominster AD project.

She spoke to officers Kenton Vigus and Richard Wood, and Cllr. John Jarvis, cabinet member for waste at the time, and was told categorically that food waste collections would not be considered because of the incinerator. We have so far been unable to take this project forward, in part at least because of the intransigence of Herefordshire

Council, which seems to be at odds with the government's support for AD, and with some aspects of the Localism Bill.

Herefordshire Council have failed to look at all the options for reducing and dealing with waste from the county, and this should be taken into account when making a decision about the incinerator.

Yours sincerely,

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