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Cllr Susan Carey
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Dear Susan.

You will be aware from our previous correspondence earlier this year that operations at Blaise Farm Quarry near Kings Hill are causing significant disturbances for local residents. Not only are the daily blasts resulting in damage to some homes, but for the past few days the smell from the new anaerobic digestion plant is affecting the local environment and air quality in the local area.

I would be grateful if you could let me know what steps Kent County Council (KCC) can take, in its role as the authority responsible for waste disposal, to ensure that alternative sites are used where possible so that the anaerobic digestion plant in question isn't used fully until there is certainty that its operations will not result in any harm to the environment in and around Kings Hill. In addition, I would be keen to know of any steps that KCC can take, in liaison with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and the Environment Agency, to reduce the impact on neighbours.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best wishes,

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