

Ames City Council Listening Session: Data Centers Feedback Form

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
- Accountability - Energy Generation & Allocation - Noise Pollution - All facility waste ^{products} (chemicals especially) How will it be dealt with? - How does Ames benefit it by having this center here where there is the Alamosa location. - Public Reports on resource (Energy, H₂O) usage annually - Timeline for Ames to respond? - Referendum - Enforceable Regulation - What if their goals change? - Can this be built anywhere else with as much control as the airport? - Will we (Ames) have to compete at MISO Auctions with Light Edge? - Lack of transparency	- Will we be asked to use less power - Water use - Land use - Pollution - Waste management - Pledge to ^{be a} Carbon Neutral project. - Regional electrical costs - Public polling please - ISU attendance could be harmed - What will happen to these buildings if the companies leave?

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Is the city Council prepared/willing To postpone a Decision For a Fact Finding Process? Would Lightedge Be willing or able To Share the Businesses that are interested in utilizing their Colocation space at various Stages of their Development? Is lightedge going into this lease agreement with the expectation To Purchase the land Down the Road similar to Siglar? Is light edge willing to Incorporate green energy such as Solar power Into their proposed Designs? Is lightedge prepared to Make any water infrastructure upgrades that might Be Necessary similar to the proposed Electrical upgrades? (Pre Paid the costs?)	

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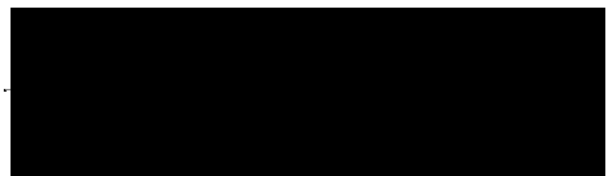
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	the amount of energy it takes relate to the existing electrical out put of ames with ames infrastructure need to use closet loop for water

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I'm very concerned that the city council will not represent its constituents. The massive, atypical turnout to the first city council meeting, the responses to the poll we saw tonight, and the responses I heard in my group indicate to me that the Ames people have said a resounding 'no'. This is a <u>representative democracy</u>. Not a republic that makes unilateral decisions. Rep. G. Councilman Gartin's comments from the first meeting in particular make me concerned that our voices will be ignored because the council perceived them as, to use Mr. Gartin's words, "fear" not "reality". Our concerns are valid and they override, by massive consensus, Lightedge's obfuscations and generalities which, though they may be a representation of "reality", are not the only or most important representations.	The next industrial revolution. They will be as devastating to the planet, the ^{low income} poor, and marginalized individuals as the industrial revolution was. More about Lightedge: We don't just want clarification from Lightedge, we do not want them here, especially not when data centers are booming + taking advantage of land + resources.

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1) Question - No watched online 2) yes 3) undecided would prefer other industry 4) Not supportive 5) Lack of positive impact to community Concern re resource utilization Waste electric Concern about water pollution for bigger data centers Noise pollution Lack of community benefit 6) Council note & minutes, Ames Voice 5) What types of data usage is supported? 1) Beyond tax revenue what is the community benefit of this or other data centers to Ames? 2) Can other types of industry provide tax revenue & community benefit, i.e. jobs, service support? 3) When Ames meets maximum capacity for peak electrical use - is it able to support the additional 3mW before new transformers are built? 4) Has the city contacted communities	Contracts should limit expansion to mutual written agreement Contracts need clear termination Penalties for excessive resource (water/electrical) utilization beyond projection Establishment of community benefit of business If water resources are required here is waste handled Clear specifications for tax revenue utilization from data centers Clear parameters for types of data storage/utilization

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Where Light Edge has data centers. Have they complied with contract requirements energy demands / water demands as projected } Due diligence

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	In the Big Beautiful Bill, I've heard there's "tax credits" for all Data Centers if built before 2030 - thus the push to get them all built by then. So we get stuck w/ another Big Corp. structures that pay no tax like windmills and the oil Pipeline who got tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act. We get screwed again.

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The Ames Municipal Airport hangars are populated by sport pilots in small planes and gliders operations. The data center will sound alone would make it impossible to enjoy this hobby, and the glider hill hangars and operations would most likely be wiped out due to proximity.	

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There are a ton of
apartments near the
airport. My complex
alone has over 600 units.
This will
affect a
LOT of
people.

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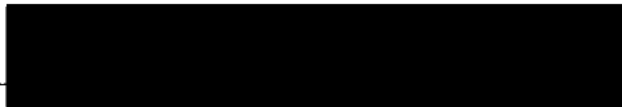
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I live next to the airport less than a mile from the proposed site. Data centers are well-documented as generating loud, constant droning noise pollution and infrasound (low-frequency vibrations) that cause sleep disorders, anxiety, and stress, and can be felt 1-6 MILES away. This would disrupt the peaceful + welcoming atmosphere of South Ames. I am also very concerned about the HEAT + HUMIDITY. Data centers of any size are heat islands, increasing the ambient temperature 3-16°F. Evaporative cooling boils our groundwater into excess humidity. Ames does not need that. That will just wreck our quality of life and drive people out of our community. My question to the council is what possible reason could you have for even considering this proposal? There appears to be ZERO benefit for Ames and a ton of risks and long term costs. Don't be short-sighted. Turn this down.	Across the country, there are hundreds of towns like Ames currently <u>SUING</u> data center companies for noise pollution, air quality, water usage/drought, electric costs, and decreased quality of life. These are examples of what Ames would experience in the near future if we allow these centers to be built here. Why is the council not talking to other communities to see how decisions like this have affected them? (Maybe you are - I hope so). Lowell, Mass, Vineland NJ, Dowagiac MI are just a few examples. We need a MORATORIUM on data centers in Ames to align w/ Story County. Tonight showed that there is huge consensus in the community that Ames residents do NOT want data centers. Please vote to represent the will of your constituents + keep Ames a wonderful welcoming place to live.

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Actually come and Listen to what People say You just sat in the gym	

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Sets dangerous precedent Impossible to know if estimated impact is accurate No major benefit Possible major drawbacks Need clear policy in place <u>Org Chart:</u> <pre> graph TD A[Ames Citizens] --> B[Mayor + Council] A --> C[] A --> D[] A --> E[] </pre> Community <u>doesn't</u> <u>want</u>!	Don't rush into it. No benefit/all drawbacks. Unnecessary, wasteful, ↳ (In this massive quantity) Greedy tech corps, exploiting comm. resources Lack of transparency Environmental impact Impact on residents' bills Noise impact Specifically AI DCs: - plagiarism - hallucination - harm to creativity + critical thinking Proliferation of surveillance Not being a NIMBY! These should not be exploding at this rate <u>anywhere</u>. Community <u>doesn't</u> <u>want</u>!

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The City of Ames has a community funded solar initiative in the area, currently providing 2MW of power. Instead of -3mw then to -10, then -25... How about +2? or more? We were gonna have solar panels there anyways, put them back!	Lightedge is trying to distance themselves from other data center projects for a reason. Keep them the hell out of here!

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Lightedge is owned by Blackstone what benefit is this project for Ames? All profit goes to Blackstone and all bad parts stay in Ames. Seems Lightedge is predatory. Ames is operating at capacity for electrical upgrade to generator will add cushion. Lightedge seems to be coming in to get cheap electricity and return Ames to at capacity	

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Sketchy company	Health risks to young children and women

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Communication between IAG & City on Data center Threats (the seen discourse) - existing data centers (ISU)	

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I'm concerned over the spent coolant questions. According to Ames Water Pollution Control, chemical waste that gets into the municipal sewers will get into the aquatic system as they can't treat it. Besides that, if they really are serious about only using closed loop cooling, surely we can require that in the lease?	Ames can't support a data center, even a 25 MW one. You know the issues our power system has, and MISO is falling apart. In 5-10 years, Ames may be dealing with rolling brownouts. Data centers are purely extractive. They come in, suck up utilities, and give nothing back. Even if they caused no harm, we would still want them to be required to actually invest in Ames.

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	I am concerned about process questions and awareness of the larger community about the issues raised by having a data center. Does the council have a code of ^{set of} guidelines for community ^{community} determining if data centers are acceptable or not acceptable to the community? (2) Has there been enough time to discuss ^{communicate} this idea of data centers in Ames with retired people, and other members of Ames community who may ^{may} not be aware of this being wanted?

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Reject the proposal. Lightedge is owned by a San Francisco Private Equity firm and their plans are vague and unenforceable and there has been no environmental review, and their business model does not inspire confidence in their business model. They are too much of a burden on our grid, with too little benefit for our community.	We need a <u>moratorium</u> so we can have some time to make a proactive policy. (ER) • Renewable energy requirements, • Water protection use & pollution • Revenue sharing. • Enforceable + community benefits, contracts + regulatory monitoring for compliance. THIS IS <u>URGENT</u> to stop data centers on private land,

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Benefits to Ames seen extremely limited	$\longleftrightarrow$ Both
Contrary to Ames Climate Action Plan—uses lots of energy, water (even in closed system), noise pollution	
Potentially overload Ames grid (already asked to reduce use ⁱⁿ peak periods)	
Costs of data centers seems likely that costs to utility consumers and City of Ames will outweigh tax benefits from data center.	Cost vs. benefit
Data Centers should be linked to grids that use sustainable/renewable energy— We aren't there yet! Serious environmental concerns!	

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Noise concern: If the datacenter will generate 45dB under normal operation by phase II, and the generator's need to kick in (65dB) in a power emergency, will we be hearing 110dB? For how long, hours, days?	

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<i>NO where near the social cost, nor the environmental cost.</i>	<i>Data centers are a complete hazard environmentally. They take lots more energy, water than companies are willing to disclose. Even "cloud-lap cooling" systems are NOT closed loop. They need tapped up and the water is directly polluted with pollutants. Heat itself is a pollutant.</i>

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□ Electric rates will increase if we add demand to the grid (miso). Disingenuous (sp?) to assert that this won't add cost Ames residents. not about city limits, its about a super-fast moving technology. Require new renewable energy generation as part of approving new business, data centers, co-location centers, or other.	□ Chief concern: moving too fast w/ too many moving parts. Stick to the plan already announced, that council would be working on zone-code-policy. this related to data centers. □ Light & Lighting needs to be included in environmental concerns

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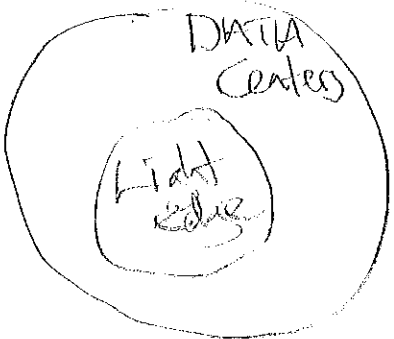
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 I am not sure our lawyer is up to writing a contract this complex without help I propose a 5 year moratorium in Ames to further study the implications of a data center	

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What are their reasons for choosing Ames What are their reasons for not expanding their Altamira Data Center first?	

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Have not seen. don't know	How many centers could Ames handle 3-5?

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• Massive Power Consumption vs. Fixed Capacity: 25 megawatt of electricity on demand. 17% of total city & ISM usage. • Swallowing our Growth Margin: New municipal energy adds 21 megawatts of net capacity completely swallows the next decades growth margin. • Double standard on Airport infrastructure: Last month denied Solar-Farm yet can bypass the same structural issues needed to construct the data center • Financial Burden fees to residents • Unbalanced economic trade	

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- There are no mechanisms in place for enforcing any promises or claims that Lightedge is making ^{while} trying to get their data center proposal approved. If they fail to follow-through, what mechanisms will protect the community or enable government to enforce agreed upon requirements? - Lightedge would become the single largest utility customer of Ames, changing the town's profile from being many small customers with collective power to a single, dominant customer who would affect the utility decisions disproportionately. This needs to be evaluated and a policy needs to be designed to protect public citizens' priority and access to utilities.	- We want to know what alternatives exist (current or potential) to this proposal for land usage. What other use use cases, e.g. solar energy generation, could this land be used for and how do the costs and benefits compare? There has not been an environmental impact assessment or independent policy proposal about how to manage and put safeguards in place for downstream impacts of data centers on the environment and communities where data centers exist or are being proposed.

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lightedge stores other companies, we have no way of knowing who will be involved and yet they have promised it is "not AI". This feels deceptive, and without trust we cannot allow this proposal to continue.	As a nation, Data Centers have lost our trust. Until we are confident that no tech company can make environmentally disastrous decisions without while the community waits years to fight against them, it is irresponsible to trust Data Centers.

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Disingenuous presentation that didn't disclose basic facts about AI's centrality to the data center boom, or climate impacts. Inconsistent. The first proposal and staff comments said this would only use air cooling, for example, but later changed their tune to closed loop cooling. Very little transparency in the	Will set us even further behind on the Climate Action Plan. I support a ban Brings nothing of value to the community despite its huge environmental toll. Unlike other large utility consumers (like Barilla), data centers produce no tangible product.

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25 MW is too much If they want to use that much power, they should foot the bill for the entire 2030 City Power expansion since they want to consume all of it. (and more!) How do we ensure that Light Edge is solely responsible for the additional costs to the city? A "Co-located" data center is poor design. It will not be used by prudent sysadmins in the research park.	Not in City Limits Tend to bait and switch on: - Power Usage - Water consumption Take advantage of City infrastructure without providing value to the community - No ^{new} jobs - No ^{new} income How many diesel generators are they running? NOISE! Data Centers are...

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As an Ames Municipal Utility customer, I find it difficult to see how this project goes forward without increases in utility rates. The proposal suggests an increase of 25% MW of electrical demand, when our municipal power system generates a little over 100 MW. We have heard that we need to conserve energy in times of high demand. We have heard the powerplant's boilers are aging. We have heard there is insufficient transmission from outside the city if a boiler and a high voltage line were to both fail at once. It seems incredible to say our power bills will not be affected by this project.	I work as a cloud system administrator and am generally familiar with policy considerations of data center management. I don't think we are prepared for the impact on civic and environmental resources a large project would cause.

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This proposal is too vague. The city needs more information and guarantees from Lightedge before they can say whether or not the risk to our power grid and natural resources is worth it.	The city should research and create a city code for data centers. Letting them build without restrictions could lead to big polluters coming to Ames without benefiting the city enough to justify this huge cost.

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I am concerned that the full impacts of this data center will not be fully understood until after it is up and running. Even though this is a "small" center, I am concerned that allowing one will make it easier for larger data centers with more demands on the electric and water systems to be approved. Even though this would be built on an industrial site, and other polluting businesses could build here, I am concerned that there will be very few benefits compared to the costs. For example, very few people would be employed by lightedge and I don't foresee economic benefits for the community. I am concerned that approving lightedge before a general data center policy is created will hinder the creation of future regulations.	I am concerned about the water and electrical demands as well as water and noise pollution. I am concerned that there are not enough regulations for data centers in general and also AI systems that they can support.

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	A robust procurement and evaluation process is needed to ensure desired outcomes for Ames. Data center experts who support building a center as well as those who oppose should be a part of the process. Neutral experts might be utilized also. This process should include contact to centers similar to the proposal to inquire how reality afterward turned out.

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Stand Up to Expansion, The Land around us is worth more than any "community benefit" offered by an Industrial Corporation. This Land that is in question is used solely for <u>extraction</u> . Why?? Principle, you can stand on principle to say "NO!" Do not be fooled into thinking that so long as the tiger is in your own bed, you can control it. You can't. <u>Extraction, Ecological degradation, Capitalism, WILL hurt us ALL.</u> That Tiger cannot be "controlled".	Ames City Council or Ames Pervasive Industrial

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What would you like to share with the Ames City Council regarding...

Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
① why is this moving so fast? ② we need an environmental impact study ③ what is the benefit to the city of Ames? ④ why is the city council so adamant to move so quickly ⑤ this historic turn out should be noted - hit the brakes and slow down. ⑥ concerned about the amount of resources being used used	① its concerning to hear rep. Tim Gartin talking "back stage" right before the meeting talking again about the petition just being fear-mongering non-sense. Shouldnt a rep care that his constituents have concerns? ② I am opposed to data centers in Ames. ③ we should follow story county and have a moratorium on data centers w/in city limits

Name: Sara VanMare Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
• The mayor & council members are elected by the people & can be voted out of office by the people. Keep it in mind when making decisions that are supposed to represent your voters. • Given the scale and controversy of this project, there should be a public vote, not a council vote, to determine how to proceed. • Since the LE plot of land will be leased & not sold, what happens if the AT bubble pops, LE decides to not renew the lease, and Ames is left w/ an unused & useless building full of servers.	• Will the city show this care, if any at all, if a corp. wanted to build a D.C. on private land, not government?

Name: Ian Hagenberg

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
This will set precedents for all future data center projects. Some need a moratorium.	Ames has a climate action plan. If the plan has nothing to say about a business that uses the energy of 18,000 homes, then we need a new climate action plan that does! We must require such businesses to generate their own renewable energy instead of parasitizing our municipal power.

Name: Rick Exner

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Lightedge Proposal	★ Data Centers Generally
• MISO Network Coverage, + It's rapid proliferation. ↳ Concerns about environment, energy demand, + what happens when we can't keep up? • Many data centers were approved all across the US last year (over 200), this project should not just be considered another "drop in the Bucket." • MISO would most likely need to expand coverage, and increase their own generation. There is no guarantee that they would consider green energy alternatives. Essentially, we would be turning a blind eye, + pretending we are not contributing to worsening environmental issues.	• Water consumption ↳ Waste water is hot + disposal into the local environment, can devastate local animal populations that are sensitive to temperature changes • Is there a way to ensure it is built as a close-loop system?

Name: Ben Bailey Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
I worry about the wildlife and environment @ the nearby Telesco Learning Center, but also the environment in general What is the benefit of the LE data center to Ames? I'm worried about the speed of this process and the lack of inclusion towards Iowa State Students, who are gone for the summer but account for a large % of the Ames population ↳ <u>slow it down</u>	I'm worried about the impact that data centers have on the environment + wildlife - light pollution, water pollution, energy use, noise pollution, etc. I'm worried about the precedent that a data center in Ames would set. I don't want or support the normalization of data centers across the country and the negative consequences on the environment

Name: Emily Prober Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
How does this help local Business What ensures that any of the concerns voiced today are addressed since these questions come after the informational session?	

Name: Cole Severseika Email Address: [REDACTED]

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I feel that Lightedge is framing this proposed data center as different from other data centers - small, local, closed-loop. It is part of a larger pattern of data centers exploding across the country. It <u>does</u> use an incredible amount of energy and is not particularly small. Even the "closed loop water system" is a lie. They also obscure the connection to AI, but AI is absolutely driving this expansion. Our planet & climate cannot sustain these data centers & Ames is part of a larger picture. The city claims to care about sustainability but goes back on their word & signed Climate Action Plan.	Enormous waste of resources. Driving climate change - Iowa already faces increased droughts, tornadoes, etc. AI Bubble may pop & we are stuck w/ costs of unfinished projects.

Name: Ruby Malick Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
What's the rush why the rush. Hold a referendum election — let the people decide. What's in it for the Ames citizenry? until election Moratorium until you have policies, regulations +	Don't rollover for the industry. Think then act. enforcement options

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NO DATA CENTER! _____ _____ _____	

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
- Need A NPDS permit - Need a Anti degradation anylisis and environmental review - How will lightedge invest in STEM partnerships? - light edge is mis-representing their position - ^{why} are we rushing the process? - Lightedge has been <u>deceptive</u> • owned by private companies, <u>NOT LOCAL</u> • claiming Saying they have a "small" center when we would have <u>their SECOND LARGEST</u>	- 1% or more energy use - renewable energy investment - invest in solar

Name: Trevor Walker Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
What protections are in place for the wildlife in the affected area? on the state AND local levels? Have you addressed the consequences, especially for protected/endangered species?	

Name: SARAH Magee MARTIN Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge

The advantages for Ames are minimal. (less than 10 permanent jobs, a modest amount of rent). It will crowd out the need to generate our own, clean/green electricity generation. If Ames is to reach its goals re GHG reduction, it will have to generate part of its own solar energy production. The airport land should be reserved for that. (MISO isn't shifting to renewables fast enough). I don't trust the company that they will recycle the water they use. ~~Recycling~~ Cooling the water would require more energy. Other data centers have promised water recycling, but didn't follow through. It is cheaper to just use more water.

Name Jan Flora

Data centers in general. I realize that Lightedge is simply storing data in the cloud, ~~but the~~ and is not ~~doing~~ doing AI calculations, but all will use more ~~energy~~ electricity. The demand for electricity will increase substantially as we shift to clean energy (home heating, cars, etc.) AI, ~~un~~ regulated will crowd out other uses. ~~The~~ Through electrical demand, all uses are fungible. Until we get a handle on AI, I am for an AI moratorium on construction of data centers in Iowa and other states until we have a reasonable set of regulations about legit & illegitimate uses of AI.

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Can we ask, require or negotiate rooftop solar installation which they would <u>not</u> be required to use but could sell to the grid. IF they leave Ames/solar stay There should be serious penalties for excess H₂O use. Why are we committing ¹/₃ of our power generating capacity for 10 jobs?	Can we locate any others near sewage treatment plant to use treated but <u>not</u> potable water? Require <u>all</u> to use closed loop cooling. Require <u>any</u> larger than 10 acres to be built underground

Name: Bruce Antion Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
① Too many open ended loose ② solutions ends up out policy to enforce. No clear benefit to community but So many concerns as detriments	Lots of shifting information, research, it would be irresponsible to proceed without a moratorium to investigate how this looks into the future - technology uses, environmental uses, energy use. Ames needs to protect its water & energy grid!

Name: Molly McDonald Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
<u>Can they (Lightedge) use land outside of Ames?</u> <u>Does Ames need their tax pay so desperately?</u> <u>How desperately does Ames need the tax money ^{that} the data center will provide?</u>	<u>It seems that any data center will require a lot of electricity.</u> <u>Who's going to supply the electricity the data center needs?</u>

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
What businesses will have "access" to the Data Center? They said "Ames" businesses, ideas on which one? Is there a benefit to having a data center on public land vs private? Lightedge is planning on buying private, maybe its worth it Part of what I love about Ames is the parks, & wildlife -Data Centers of this size would ruin this We shouldn't use public land for uses that won't benefit the public?	• environmental impact ↳ wildlife, water quality, water usage, • Will it raise temperatures in Ames? -How much? • What will they be doing on site to mitigate water-quality concerns & general environmental impact? • ISU is a land-grant institution — allowing a data-center would set a bad precedent for the State. ↳ Ames + ISU should be leaders of sustainability in Iowa.

Name: Brianna Bona Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Proposed airport location is problematic. It will interfere with future airport development. Current Space could be well used to build hangers that are in deficit. Also airport location is most priced real-estate in the city. The entire space should be used to develop air-port-related activities -	Data center consume lot of energy and water. City should adopt a Sustainable development approach. Data center should invest in water renewable energy production and water recycling plants to have a "net-zero" carbon foot-print on the community. Also there should be a study by experts on the proposal, feasibility and location of the data center.

Name: Ravindra Singh

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
	AI bubble Ethics Pollution Water usage Noise Heat Costs/taxpayers Deal behind closed doors/bribes Utility bills People leaving Schools closing

Name: Winter Schmitz Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Heat/climate issues the sound causing Pshychosis Sound/Noise pollution Light pollution Children getting sick, within proximity Mental health concerns If theres a blackout we need to prioritize medical facilities mental health treatment Plant/foliage decay + unable to use soil in future. Agriculture in danger. <u>WATER POLLUTION</u> Loosing Ames Residents Moving + Death caused By these things theres alot	The count was lower than <u>hands Raised</u>

Name: GARRETT JOHNSON Email Address: 

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
Who are their members & how are they convincing Ames to get funding? How many live in Ames & will be impacted by this proposal. How rich are they getting from this deal?	What does Ames get from it? What guarantee does Ames have that the center will finish & not be abandoned. Please define AI in a way that is beneficial to normal people.

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OC Smith

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
① Who benefits? 10 full time employees ② power usage ~ 8% at peak ③ water usage ④ prevent runaway expansion after initialization ⑤ re-purpose Farm & industrial land for exploitation her olden ⑥ Fast Pace - ISU Pacing + local population ⑦ EX Plan Budget ⑧ water protect 40+ years of clean H₂O ⑨ options to stop it	Ballot Measure all projects AT Bubble - options to prevent the building of future data centers - Independent Analysis - Inspections - Legally Bound. Compulsory for Creditworthiness

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believe questions need answering before city council makes a decision. Hoping it is <u>NOT</u> decided at 7/14 All data centers - need written accountability if they end up not doing what they present. Eg facility is built & has noise pollution (which MUST be defined) There must be consequences if owners violate as proposed	Felt combining the listening session + sitewards (lightedge + data centers), in general, was confusing. Would have preferred doing conversations separately even though realize many issues cross over. Seems like using this method made people who ^{who} may have been in favor of lightedge decided to now be against due to lack of understanding of a - locator & numerous AI facilities.

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
is there somewhere else for it? Public access to emergency plan	Put this on a ballot -Midterm

Name: Lydia Heintz Email Address: _____

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
Why does it have to be so close to living accommodations? If this data center goes through, it I would want detailed plans to prevent leaks and emergency plans for if a leak happened. The vast majority of Ames residents doesn't want this, why would the city council vote this in? EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE PUBLIC AND IN WRITING.	Energy & water consumption, there's no true real way yet to have an energy conscious data center. We pull our water from shallow groundwater aquifer wells in adjacent river basins that are @ high risk of contamination per the IDNR. What happens if we run out of usable water? The Ames plant is not set up to handle high nitrate levels. Where's the City Council consults w/ experts in field not assoc. w/ Lightedge? We, the citizens of Ames, should get a vote. Data centers in general pose a risk to our local climate.

Name: Adela Osmundson Email Address: (group 4)

1. yes, attended meeting
2. yes, read staff material
3. NOT Supportive, disappointed by T. Cartm's ^{disparaging} Comments.
4. No data center in Ames
5. water consumption, water table negatively affected
higher energy bills
financial gain for company, to detriment of families
6. on-line council meetings, ASU Daily, professional journals

This is a chaotic procedure. The council should have given 3 minutes to each constituent, as has been done in previous council's meetings. Our group has overwhelmingly agreed a ballot + moratorium are necessary for this issue.

Susan R. Radtke



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For Both A true cost/benefit analysis - not just financial costs/benefits

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Data Centers Generally

① Can we require rooftop solar which lightedge would not be required to use. That would save them the installation and maintenance costs. Could then sell the power to Ames. If leave the community for some reason we would retain the power source.

Question: How ^{can} Ames residents know council will utilize best practices for regulating data centers?

Suggestions with regard to regulation of all Data Centers (including lightedge)

① Transparency in resource use rates and service agreements ensure agreements don't raise rates for Ames users and create grid emergencies

② Require data centers assume all costs of usage - no cross subsidization by other rate groups

③ Require long term contracts so they don't leave the area and thus leave rate payers the costs of 'stranded assets'

④ Require all new large load users agree to not contribute to 'peak load' and grid outages' and 'fuel price spikes'

The solar tax credits expire end of 2026 * just a reminder

② Airport location - long lease payments go to airport not Ames general fund per FAA rules

③ What is permit structure for water they use? Dig own wells - permit required & where does water from Ames? no closed loop go when spent - is it treated or just dumped

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Judith Lemish

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Overall, I like the lightedge proposal. I think the proposed agreements with paying for electrical upgrades as well as extra power bought via MISO are all good. Overall, my biggest problem is that I don't really see where the demands is. Nobody from the city or local business I've seen has talked about how we need this. I would implore city council to find out how this will impact Ames other than construction jobs & tax revenue.	I am not generally against data centers. I understand that the world is becoming more online and we need some. I want Ames to ensure it is being proactive with data center/zoning regulation, and not reactive. We need to ensure that Ames is as informed and prepared as possible for massive projects such as these.

Name: Ryan Collyer

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	Data Center Impacts are not only Local. - <u>water use</u> - This is not only local. - <u>aquifers</u> span ^{or more} Counties - not municipalities. No large data center impacts only the small municipality its in. They impact a much larger area - Through required energy use and the emissions from that, The emissions from on-site generators, water quality problems, e-waste issues, heat generation etc. It seems like this Light edge deal is just the beginning - and there is a lot of focus on the near-term. There is not nearly enough being done concerning 10, 20, 30 years down the road. There needs to be an equal amount being researched about the far future concerning Data centers. It's myopic not to consider only 3-10 years ahead. →

Name: Tom Schults

Email Address: [REDACTED]

I feel like if this were to go forward,
there would need to be requirements
concerning power generation (solar on
roof required for example), Requirements
on water use that can be enforced.
etc.

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See → I would call for a ban on data centers, w/ at least a moratorium in the near-term	I oppose any data centers in our jurisdiction because... - over-use of resources & environmental harm (unsustainable use of energy & water, noise & that pollution which harms wildlife), inconsistent with preservation ethic of environmental protection & conservation historically in Ames/Story County. - I hope it's true that Lightedge won't train AI models, but data centers often do. Not all AI models are equally ethical (in training data or application), and we as a community should be have a voice in preventing unethical AI technologies * from being trained on our resources (in Ames & Story County). * especially if future AI is used inoffensively for military, propaganda, sexual exploitation/ deepfaking, etc.

Name: John Hestling Email Address: [REDACTED]

ZIP 50014

Did not attend last meeting

Did not read staff material (?)

Not supportive of Lightedge

No data centers!

Info from: Iowa State Daily

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There's talk of LE going around city & purchasing private land to build on, in which case, how will the city address the environmental impacts? (If we have no say in its location, that represents an even bigger risk.)	→ this is why we need a general policy we need to take more time as a city to understand impacts (environmental, economic, ethical, health)

Name: Emily Herring Email Address: [REDACTED]

ZIP 50014

Did not attend / watched part

Did not read material

Not supportive of Lightedge

Not supportive of data center

Local Issues info: friends, EZU daily

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Regulate Data Centers?



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Who is going to Hold Lightedge Accountable if They break rules?
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What would you like to share with the Ames City Council regarding...

IS there enough People in Ames who Actually use it To

Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
- Is there Regulation To Make it A closed loop system? - How will This Affect Ames Water Wells, our WATER was Rated 1st in the County. We need To Protect That - We need To Protect WATER for Residential and Agriculture Use - Will TaxPayers Have To Pay for the WATER Treatment? - Why is Ames considered for this To be built?	I Am concerned about the electricity usage. Our city electricity Plant is Already ^{Resident} 95% capacity. Other in States have seen their electricity costs go up 65% in Residential Areas/ Housing Due To Data centers nearby. - It needs To be a closed loop system in order so WATER supplies Aren't Affected nearby *Are there General Permits To The Data centers in?

Name:

Elizabeth Moore

Email Address:



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1. 500/4

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Not Supportive

5. Not Supportive

6. Noise, Utility Hikes,

7. City of Ames, KCCI, Ames Tribune

★ How will This Affect the Ames Airports?

Iowa State Athletics use it, and I'm Afraid the DATA centers will Mess with the Planes Ability to fly with the electromagnetic Field. Iowa States Prouds it Self on Big 12 Athletics

★ IS light tower A financially Backed Company?

★ Why is Ames even considering this in the first place?

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As a future successful engineer, data centers are a huge factor of whether I do or don't continue my degree at ISU.
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Think future donations like Therakillsen → \$42 mil loss if you install this data center. → Truth

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Lightedge Proposal	Data Centers Generally
Ames is considered "backyard" → for them because they're based out of Des Moines.	They have data centers proposed / approved / under construction / built in states like California, and they are going international w/ a data center in Amsterdam, Netherlands, its on their website.
"Chromium's are not that bad" in the water they use in cooling loops.	→ PG&E said they used Chromium 3 when they actually used Chromium 6 and poisoned a small town. It was made into a filter called "Erin Brockovich" named for the woman who sought justice for the residents of Hinkley, CA. Sought justice for what? Thousands of medical problems including histiocytomas, cancerous tumors, spine deterioration, and sex organ failure. Lightedge is the next PG&E. History is repeating itself. We better show that we learned.

Name: Isabel Evans

Email Address: [REDACTED]

And the contributions won't stop at LSU. I will remember what you decide, and if you do grant Lightedge permission to build, I can gladly move to Spain and get an engineering degree from a better institution than LSU. That is a real option for me. Not to mention, the Ames' economy from LSU student influx will decrease if an AI data center goes up here. What student wants to shower w/ muddied water? I know I sure as hell don't. These corporations DON'T protect us. We protect us, and if you really believed Lightedge's words that the chemicals in the water "aren't that bad", your believing lies. Its like watching your neighbor use a herbicide to kill dandelions in their yard wearing shorts and flip flops. He's gonna get cancer after 10 years at that behavior. Its a no-brainer. Say no to the datacenter. They may just be using it for cloud storage now, but every company wants to survive, and Lightedge unfortunately had to jump on the bandwagon of AI to survive. Its obvious.

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I think this is being rushed in to try & establish a presence because no moratorium & if this goes forward what is to stop more from coming in? Either more light edge or other companies. We can choose our destiny, is this what you would choose for your kids/grandkids? Why don't they put another center in Altona if it's been so successful & they're such great neighbors?	Will this impact existing networks - exacerbate latency/lags? Other datacenters & cos will follow suit.

Name: JAMIE O'ROURKE Email Address: [REDACTED]

Manti: Q1 -

Yes, I attended last week.

Q2 -

Q3 - Read Staff Info - Yes

Q4 - Not Supportive.

Q5 - Not Supportive

Q6 - Wasteful, Billionaires, Energy

Q7 - Ames Tribune.

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Lightedge is <u>Not</u> local. They are owned by GI Partners, located in San Fran.	They do not bring enough benefits to the community to offset their cost → esp. at 25 MW
They claim it's a small data center and yet it's going to be one of their largest data centers.	Closed loop cooling is questionable in its efficiency at the scale proposed
This listening session is <u>NOT</u> enough. As long as it takes our voices deserve to be heard as we like and not interpreted by someone else. Don't hide from your constituents.	No is a complete sentence. Your constituents say <u>NO!</u> If you truly represent the people you should do a ballot measure & let the people decide.

Name: Morgan Bodenheimer Email Address: [REDACTED]

1. yes
2. yes.
3. Don't support it
4. Not Supportive
5. AI

Unregulated

6. City website
City Council meeting
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