

LightEdge Discussion- Pa's group

The number in the parenthesis equals the number of participants who share this concern. Words in [] were added by Pa from the flip charts to provide greater clarity.

Concerns:

- [Excessive] Electronic consumption-[needing to generate] new capacity (52)
- Electric expansion plan costs [are] already paid by Ames
 - Residents don't want more costs for Ames
- Small employment opportunities (47)
- Rental storage could mean non-local communities' businesses benefit (48)
 - Could be more support if for Ames's businesses (16)
- Limited benefit to Ames community (44)
- What stops expansion to bigger scope ([incorporating] AI) (43)
- Doesn't fit with Ames Green Energy Plan Climate Action Plan (58)
- This is a 24/7 constant drone and noise (55)
 - Low frequency & different [than] industrial noise
- Leased revenue goes to the airport and not to Ames residents (40)
- Water consumption needs [are] underestimated (48)
- Misuse of productive farmland (41)
- June 23rd meeting lacked sustainability and environmental presentations (36)
 - Residents had a question about this – [will there be environmental studies done or feedback from City staff who work on sustainability in the City?]
- What is [the] backup generators? (35)
 - Concerns [about the company] using this to cover shortfalls
 - Residents had a question about this – [What will happen when the additional electricity is needed? How will the backup generators work?]
- Exploitation (environmental/rate/people) of Ames (53)
- Speed of the decision [is too rapid] (57)
- Would like explanation of benefits to Ames from City and LightEdge (48)
- Future energy commitments and how to meet in a pinch? Use of backup generators [plan] (49)
- [concerns about the] 10 year buildout plan and what happens if it doesn't go by plan (46)
- Not enough early engagement (49)
- Should be a ballot measure (52)
 - Applies to data centers too
- Regulations and deregulating of data centers Fed and State level (55)

- Unknown effects on children because of noise/vibrations and liability
 - Site proposed [is] near children (52)
- How to ensure the company is 100% responsible for costs
 - Residents had a question about this – [What legal steps can the City take to make sure the company is 100% responsible for cost?]
- Concerns [about] long-term economic value for Ames
- Feels like pressure to sign away land and approve
- [allow this data center] Doesn't reflect Ames and Ames values (45)
- LightEdge is owned by San Francisco Company, not local (44)
- Trying to "skirt" County moratorium (47)
- If building [is] abandoned due to AI (illegible word), can it be repurposed (31)
- Concerns this building could be surveillance system/bldg. (26)
- Dishonesty of company and dealing with citizens of Ames (53)
- Lower property values, less tax revenue (41)
- Concerns at City Council not asking questions and representing constituents (42)
- Energy shell game between the City/Company/Miso (42)