

## January Farrington 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 [REDACTED]

For 40 years, I have loved this area, walking its countryside with my grandparents, my parents, and now with my husband and children. It is part of our memories, our history, and our identity.

This is not a red line on a map to me. It is my home, my daily reality and the reality of thousands of people who live, work, and care for it.

It sits within the setting of the Cotswolds National Landscape for a reason. So I ask you, please weigh very carefully what is being proposed here, because the scale is unprecedented in such an exceptional place.

Lime Down has had a profound impact on my family. The uncertainty, the stress, the sense of powerlessness and the relentless hours spent trying to engage have been immense.

The extraordinary number of Relevant Representations reflects something very real: a community that feels something deeply valuable is at risk and the effects simply too great.

West Park Farm is not just our home. It is a working thoroughbred stud farm and part of an international bloodstock business we have built over 20 years.

We care for high-value, highly sensitive animals whose welfare depends on a calm, quiet, and stable environment. Lime Down presents a very real risk to that environment and therefore to the viability of our business.

We had to stop investment in our farm two years ago because of this uncertainty and yet, despite over 400 representations raising equine concerns, there has been no meaningful engagement from IGP, and no equine-specific assessment.

That is not a minor omission. It is a fundamental gap. Our business, like others, has been treated as collateral damage. And that is very hard to accept.

Please look at this scheme as it would actually be experienced on the ground. Not in isolation, not in diagrams, not only through modelling or unproven mitigation, but in reality.

The consultations fell short of what should reasonably be expected and IGP's conclusions repeatedly state there will be "no significant effects." I respectfully ask you to consider what real-world, site-specific evidence supports these claims?

Malmesbury has again been crowned 'The best place to live in the South West' by The Sunday Times, surely strategic planning should protect places like this? Not expose them to industrialisation on this scale.

This site selection is not careful, strategically planned, it's clearly opportunistic by Macquarie, enabled by a system that allows it to happen. A system that allows IGP significant flexibility, but without equal scrutiny.

At times, this process has felt intimidating, overwhelming, and deeply frustrating. I have felt dismissed, silenced and questioned whether my participation carries any real weight. That is not how a fair and balanced planning process should feel.

And finally, I ask you to reflect on governance, independence, and the long-term consequences of this decision with an honest and fair judgement.

There must be accountability, not just today but to the generations who will live with the consequences.

Thank you

\*I strongly encourage you to look at Cleve Hill because real-world evidence matters.