

Please see attached map produced by applicant. The proposed cable route is shown running from North to South. It first enters our land coming, we understand, under the Gauze Brook into historic pasture land. Without knowledge of the technical possibilities, we imagine that the tunnelling process will have to be carried out in dry conditions. This pasture land regularly floods in the winter. If this process is carried out in the summer, then this will prevent livestock movement to the linking pasture fields for the duration of the installation process. The proposed cable corridor of 60m will necessitate the destruction of the trees (some of which are mature) at the pasture boundary. The cable then crosses into grade 3a arable land currently growing winter wheat. This land has been drained but is still wet in the winter months. The cable route runs between mature trees before crossing through a hedge and cutting through an established biomass crop of Miscanthus cane. This is lighter land. Miscanthus takes 3-4 years to establish.

In discussions with the applicant, we tried to put forward the case that the cable route really should go through Jonny Walker's land as far as possible, because he is a beneficiary of the project and we are an uninterested party. His land runs parallel to the proposed route further to the north west. This was turned down apparently for technical reasons.

We did not sign the Heads of Terms primarily because of the gagging clause contained within in it. Whether it is compulsory acquisition or not, it is our opinion that this project is unwise and lacks foresight. As far as the figures are concerned, we are unaware as to how they were arrived at. We were not consulted about the type of crops grown on the route, or any disruptions, inconveniences, costs or long term loses that will inevitably be incurred.

This proposed project has already caused disruption to the business, with considerable time being spent on something that we did not ask for or think is a good idea. Should this proposal be approved, the overall distribution to the business and the local community will be significant.

We hope this answers the your questions.

