

LIME DOWN SOLAR CAH2 23/09/2026

The tenanted land parcels that we farm, through which the proposed LDSP cable route would pass, are recorded in the Examination Library document ref: EN010168-001646-1

Also included in this document is an explanation of the ways in which construction of the cable route would affect our farming business.

Of particular importance is the proposal for the cable route to cross either the slurry lagoon feeder pipe, the slurry lagoon itself, or both. Full planning permission was granted for the slurry lagoon in May 2025 (WCC ref PL/2024/11692) with discharge in July 2025 of a leak detection system condition (ref PL/2025/04199). Without this slurry lagoon we will not be compliant with statutory Farming Rules for Water and therefore unable to continue as a dairy farm.

Our concerns were reported in the initial Affected Party surveys sent out by the applicant's agent early in 2025 however there was no response. Following our instructions to a professional agent to act on our behalf regarding the proposed cable route construction a meeting was held at the farm on August 20th 2026 between the applicant's agents, our agent, the landlord's representative and ourselves. During the meeting we all walked through the farmstead and the adjoining field where the slurry lagoon is to be built. In a field of total length of around 200m from farmstead to eastern hedge the slurry lagoon has dimensions of 83.5m (l) x 68.5m (w) x 4m (d) with a 5m maintenance buffer zone from the hedge. Our concern therefore is that, with a working width of 50m required for the cable construction, routing it through this field may mean we are unable to farm. Access to the lagoon will be required for construction (which will need to commence before May 2028), maintenance and the spreading of its contents between March and September. Site photographs were taken by the applicant's agents and the positions of existing water troughs and gates in our grazing fields surrounding the farmstead, through which the cable route would also pass, were documented. Suggestions of additional fencing, gating, tracks and water troughs to allow animals to continue to graze around the cable works were aired by the applicant's agents; we are concerned that the continuation of the cable route construction through our close grazing grounds will restrict our ability to graze the cattle.

The large area of the order limits around our farm, and that of our neighbour's, were said to be required because of the as yet undefined proposed cable route continuation under the nearby main London-Bristol railway line.

The applicant's agents did not ask to view the rest of the land that we farm, as documented by our landlord in this meeting, that would be affected by the cable route.

Further to the meeting we have not received any follow up communication from the applicant's agents therefore there is no progress on how the applicant specifically plans to minimise the impact of the cable construction through our farm.