

SUE GODWIN – POST ISH SUBMISSIONS

I have a [REDACTED] which involves the physiology and welfare and maintenance of horses.

I have run a livery yard at [REDACTED] for many years and keep 20-30 horses for a number of owners.

This is my sole source of income and I employ a number of local people.

I note that in the Applicant's initial socio-economic assessment [APP241] they did not include my livery yard even though it is located very close to the scheme. No one from the Applicant has ever been to see me or speak to me despite my having answered their questionnaire which is attached and made clear my concern about the impact on my business.

If there is an increase in traffic on the roads that I use every day with my clients, there is not only an increased risk of an accident but also some of my clients may decide they no longer wish to ride on busy roads.

Once a horse is removed the owner may never come back, particularly if the landscape has changed so dramatically. The long views from horseback over the landscape, and the bridleways will be completely different.

I do not understand how the Applicant has continued to be "confident" that my business and other equine businesses will not be impacted, particularly in the light of what I said in response to their questionnaire.

Even the loss of one owner would be very detrimental to my business – 1 horse is 5% of my current income. That will have a knock on impact on those who supply and service the horses at the yard – feed merchant, farrier etc.

The Applicant appears to be unwilling to recognise the impact the scheme would have on me and so many others.

At ISH8 I spoke to question the Applicant's reliance on a so-called 30 metre flight path. In my experience, horses, whether thoroughbred or other, are extremely sensitive to unusual noises and large vehicles, including those they can't see. The idea that they habituate to a reversing lorry or to the sound of pile driving is, in my experience, unlikely and indeed those noises are likely to increase the risk of horses to be uncomfortable and, where encountered on roads, to take evasive action increasing the risk of an accident on the road.

Thoroughbreds are particularly flighty and prone to gallop when startled.

I do not understand where that reference to 30 metres comes from and it appears that [REDACTED] does not either.

I also referred at the hearing to mares about to give birth. Where such a mare is uncomfortable in her surroundings she will not foal down, meaning deliver, which can give rise to significant complications for the mare and the foal. In a thoroughbred stud this is a major concern. Similarly if mares are anxious they move around the field and the foal cannot feed or rest properly which also causes issues for the wellbeing of the foal. That is why a peaceful environment is fundamental to rearing successful racehorses and why owners choose and trust studs which provide this environment. The Applicant seems to accept there will be noise and disruption but not that it has any impact on horses or the equine establishments most affected.

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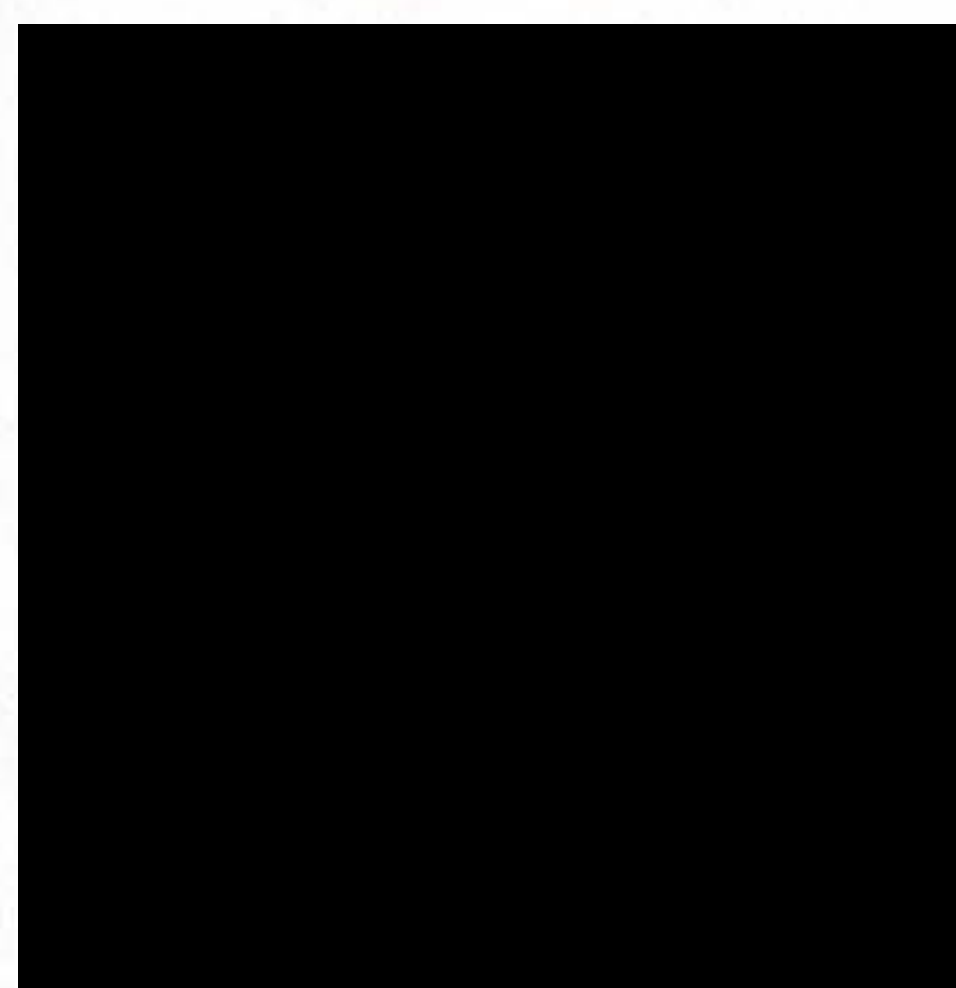
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Sue Godwin



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26 June 2026

Dear Sue Godwin,

**Lime Down Solar Park Development Consent Order – Equine Sector
Business Questionnaire**

Planning Inspectorate Case Reference: EN010168

Further to the publication of the Examining Authority's First Written Questions **[PD-010]** for the Lime Down Solar Park Examination, the Applicant has been requested to "provide a more detailed assessment of the impacts on job losses in and business viability of the equine sector (and its supporting industries) beyond the information presented."

This question is set out at SE1.9 of the Examining Authority's First Written Questions **[PD-010]**, which can be accessed via the Documents section of the Planning Inspectorate's Lime Down Solar Park webpage.

To support this work, please find attached an Equine Sector Business Questionnaire. The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather up-to-date and detailed information from business owners and practitioners working in the equine sector, so that the Applicant can provide a robust assessment in response to the Examining Authority's request.

The questionnaire asks for information about your business operations, employment, income and operating costs, site-specific uses, any concerns relating to the Scheme, and any mitigation or future engagement that may be helpful. Please provide as much information as you are comfortable sharing.



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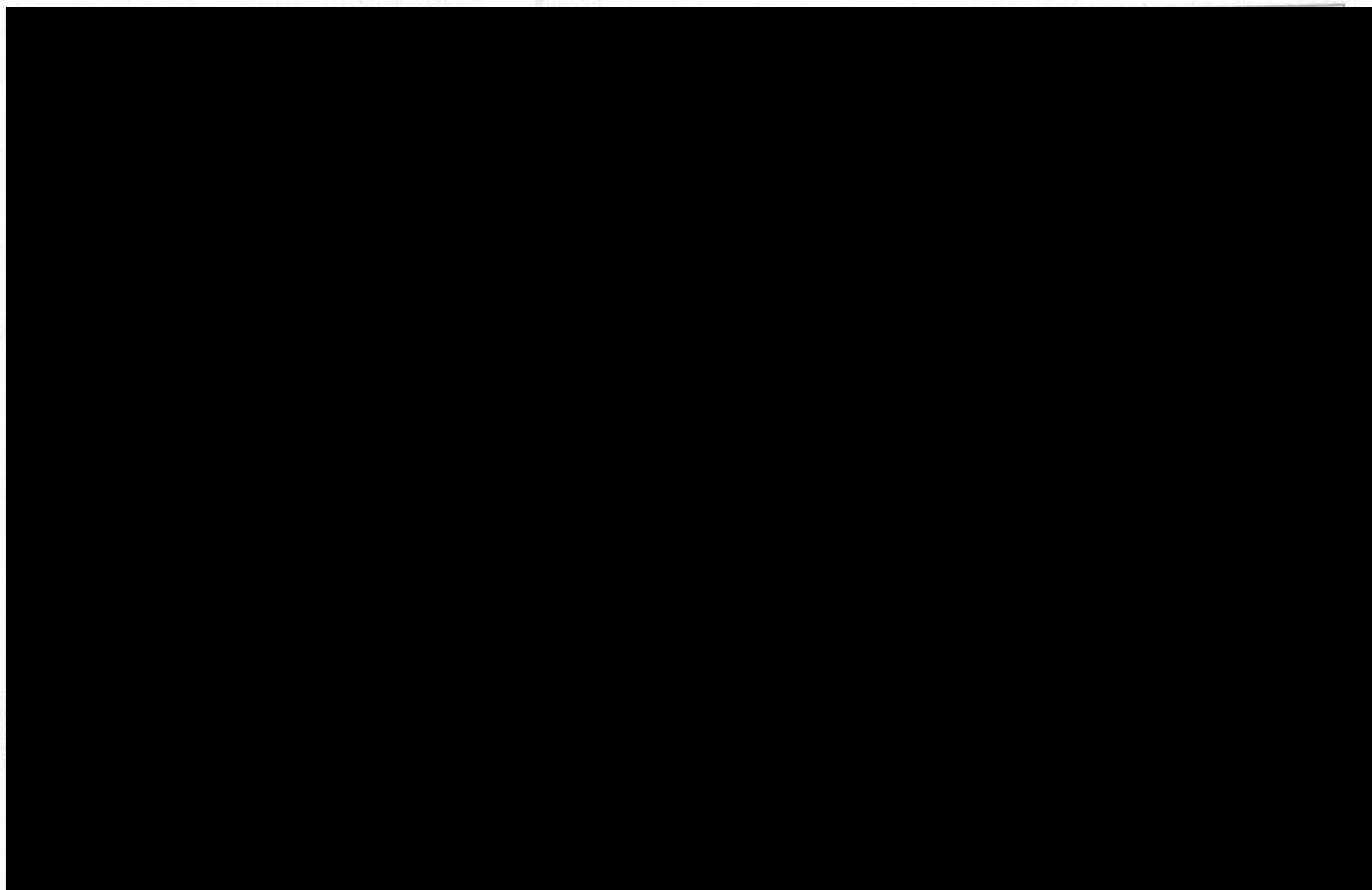
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Part 1: Overview



Please may you provide a plan or map showing the location of your business, with any key features or areas (such as stables, or paddocks) labelled?



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Part 2: Operations

Please describe the services that your business offers.

I provide a full livery service for clients who I take for rides through our, so far, unspoilt countryside.

Please describe, in as much detail as you are comfortable, the scale of operations at your business.

For example: number of horses kept, breeding stock quantity, clients served per month, current occupancy rates

I have about 20 horses in my care.

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Please set out which suppliers your business uses for operations.

For example: feed providers, farriers, vets or health specialists, transporters, contractors, machinery.

[Redacted area]



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Part 3a: Employment

Please provide as much information as you are able to on employment at your business. Add as many roles as required for each type of employment. When listing quantity of jobs, please specify

Roles	Employment Type	Quantity
	Please specify full-time, part-time, or seasonal	Total number of workers For part-time or seasonal roles: please also specify either hours per week or days per year



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Part 3b: Employment

Please describe what trends you have seen in staffing levels over the last two years. If there have been any increases or decreases in staffing, may you please set out if there have been any reasons?

With the proposal of the Lime Down Solar Project staff and clients are concerned about being able to ride our roads safely, because of the amount of traffic and the size of vehicles needed to transport the large infrastructure



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Part 4: Income and Operating Costs

Please set out, in as much detail as you are comfortable, the business' annual turnover and operating costs.

My operating costs ~~var~~, but will diminish considerably if the proposed panels & battery infrastructure go ahead due to traffic increasing

Please describe, in as much detail as you are comfortable, what your main sources of revenue are. This can be as a figure or percentage of annual turnover.

For example: livery charges, breeding fees, events and training fees

My only source of revenues are from the livery yard.



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Please describe, in as much detail as you are comfortable, what your main operating costs are. This can be as a figure or percentage of annual costs.

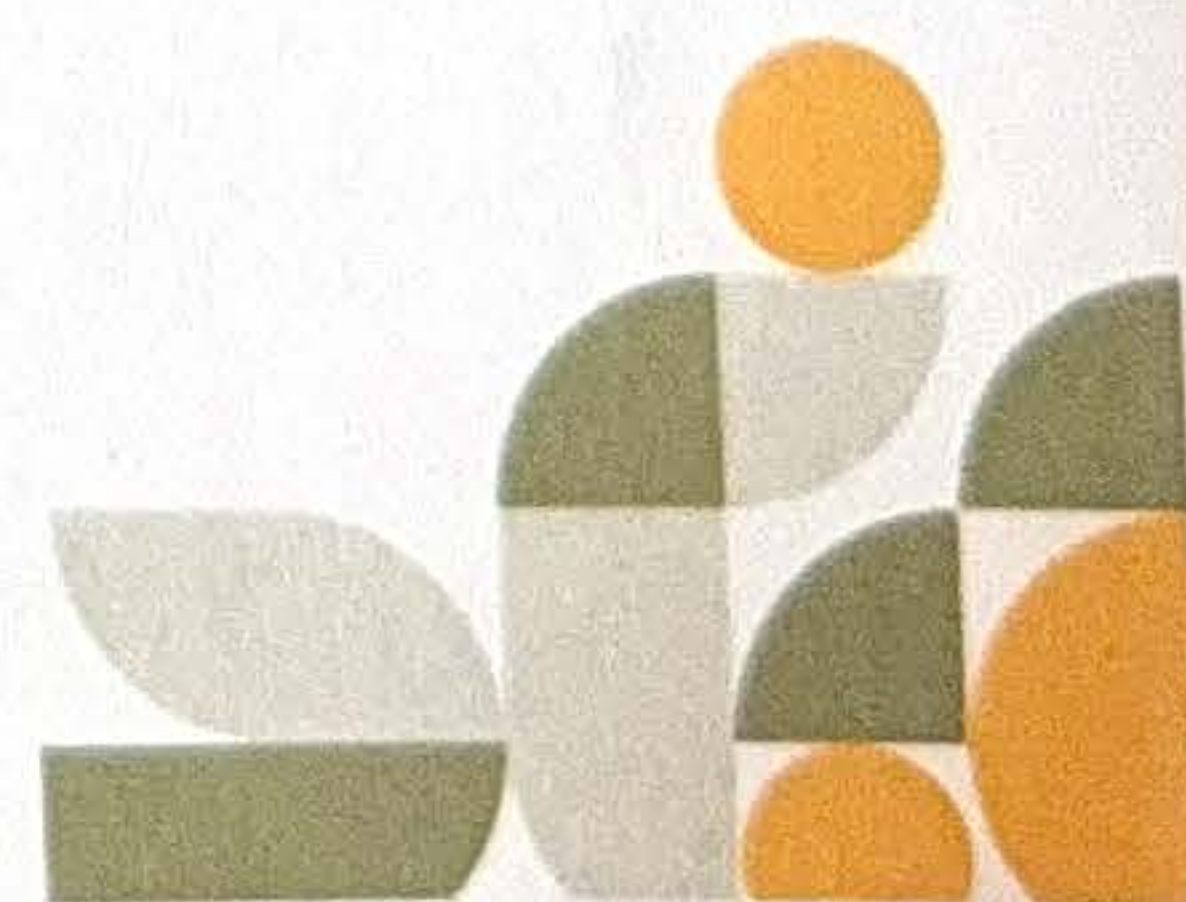
For example: feed, staff, vets, farriers, equipment, marketing, utilities.

Hay, Straw - lack of due to loss of acreage

Horse Shoes

Laura P.

farrier



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Part 5: Site Specific Uses

Please set out, in as much detail as you are comfortable, commentary or information about times, or periods in the year, where any horses being kept on site are out in paddocks versus being kept in stables, and any underlying reasoning.

My horses are ridden throughout the year not seasonally.

My clients like to ride all year round for fitness of themselves and their horses and relaxation of course!



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Please describe, in as much detail as you are able, what parts of your business facilities are used at each time of year.

For each location you describe (specific paddocks, runs, stables, training areas), please specify how often these are in use during a year, and the flexibility of provision you have for these services on different parcels of land (such as alternative paddock space or stables).

If the described parcels or facilities have not been included on the map or plan in Section 1, please can each described are be described so they can be located.

All of my facilities are used all year round. I use 10 acres at Huttoningen which I will find difficult to get to with heavy traffic in that area!



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Part 6: Site Specific Concerns, Mitigation and Future Engagement

Notwithstanding any commentary on the Scheme in principle, are there any location-specific concerns about onsite infrastructure proposed near to your business facility, or any specific concerns about impacts during construction, operation (or decommissioning)?

The whole area will be consumed with heavy traffic, my local friends who have horses that ride the bridle paths and passway are not all competent riders and there will be accidents due to big lorries on and near this area.



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Are there any location-specific mitigation measures that would be beneficial to the ongoing operation of your business, if the Scheme were to be consented? Please set out if this includes requesting further information about proposed mitigation you have already seen or discussed, or if there is any additional mitigation measures that you would want the Applicant to consider.

I only want the whole proposal
cancelled! It's ridiculous with the
energy supply going so far away too!



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If the Scheme were to go ahead, what form of engagement and liaison between your business and the Applicant would be most helpful ahead of, and during the Scheme's construction.

NA

