

I act as a land agent acting for a number of owners and occupiers along the proposed cable route and also the intended construction or operational access routes to same. Whilst my various clients have a variety of concerns and issues about the key terms as offered to them in respect of the cable route and compound areas and which are being discussed with RED's agents, I also have several clients who have only been approached in respect of access (construction and operational) routes over their land. Despite their concerns about this being raised at an earlier stage of the consultation process as to how this may affect their businesses and occupation of the land, no adjustments have been included in the key terms and which are frankly derisory in their nature. I have for example one livery owner whose business will become largely unviable with the intended construction (and then operational) access crossing their modest holding and the potential loss of more than £25,000 p.a. income and where the proposed compensation for the 5 years construction access carving through their holding amounts to a derisory £12.54 per month for the duration of the scheme. The same client has also been offered terms for an operational access route through their business premises and in return for a 99 years access route they have been offered the equivalent of £6.78 p.a. compensation!

On the same part of the construction route, another client [REDACTED] will see his long tended old pasture holding split into two by the construction access and disruptive heavy plant cutting through his prized old meadows at the back of his house and all for a proposed compensation of £19.56 per month on RED's proposed linear payment. None of this is commercially or morally right and whilst these issues have been raised with RED's representatives and agents and are being further discussed, I and my clients are frankly amazed and insulted by some of the terms proposed and hence make this written representation.