

Good morning, my name is Simon Kilham, I am a [REDACTED] Farmer at Guessgate Farm, part of the Wiston Estate. My Tenancy is an FBT (Farm Business Tenancy).

To date I have not received Heads of Terms, or any correspondence as to when they are likely to arrive or their content. As a [REDACTED] farmer I have rights, which need to be discussed and legally protected. If this is not achieved, I could end up in a legal fight with my Landlord, which is wholly incorrect and should not be allowed to happen.

Rampion negotiated a Licence with myself for the purpose of surveys. They know full well I am a [REDACTED] at Guessgate Farm and should be dealing with me direct with regards to my Heads of Terms. This has never been discussed in the four years of supposed consultation.

Rampion have failed to protect me as a [REDACTED] Farmer. I am being lead down a path I do not want to go down. Rampion need to resolve this matter, otherwise how can anything progress.

Good evening my name is Simon Kilham. I am a [REDACTED] farmer at Guessgate Farm on the Wiston Estate. We are a mixed farm, cattle, sheep, grass and arable.

The cable route severs the farm by going through three fields and an access track to lower fields. Whether Rampion is of national importance I have no view, but I have to object because it is already having a negative effect on me financially and it has not even started.

Rampion have not followed correct consultation guidelines, which is leaving my business in a very vulnerable position. They do not understand the negative impacts the project will have on my farming business. They pay lip service only and then either do nothing or do what they like, thinking they own the place and that I have no rights as a [REDACTED] Farmer. For example:-

- Stocking rates of cattle and sheep – Where do Rampion think my animals will live whilst this is going on?
- Do I cut numbers on the farm as forage and grazing acres will be reduced?
- Will Rampion pay for or find me the lost forage?
- We sell hay and straw, will Rampion reimburse for loss of output.

No formula for the above has been forwarded to me to view, discuss and iron out any problems.

It feels to me, you get what you are given, like it or lump it, this is wholly unacceptable.

In my situation I have to pay rent to my Landlord and then be reimbursed by Rampion.

To date no acknowledgement of this has happened nor time scale of frequency of payments to myself. I do not wish to be the Bank of Rampion, nor should I have to be.

Parts of our farm are in environmental schemes, hedgerows, ditches, cropping. There is no mention how these will be managed or protected so we continue to comply to the scheme.

At present Rampion have not engaged with me on any of these matters, and by all accounts, reading other people's submissions, I am not alone.

I have no idea of how compensation will be calculated or how often payments will be made. I am not sure my business could withstand non payment of losses or a protracted fight to receive them.

As with any project we do need to plan, even a temporary project like Rampion, although 2 to 3 years is a long time on a farm.

How can I do this with no heads of terms, no correct consultation and having no means of purposeful dialogue with Rampion to provide solutions to the problems above.

Rampion have not committed to a fair and just procedure, which is transparent to all.

As it stands, I feel I will have to fight tooth and nail to receive any compensation owing.

How can a decision on this application be made with so many unanswered questions.

If you are minded to back this application, could you please ensure there is a stringent, legal, timely, impartial process for effected parties to receive recompense.

Thank you for your time.