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Mrs Salmon & I own the 4 acre field

This is just a few metres away from the site F of the Byers Gill Solar farm development.

Our first concern is that the field already floods next to our access road, what will be the result of rains falling on the panels which are oriented in a Southerly direction creating a direct run off onto the already sloping field and subsequently our access track. The existing drainage ditch regularly struggles with the volume of water from the field and overflows regularly in heavy rain this ultimately transfers down to the bottom of our field which is often flooded.

Our field shelter and hay barn would be directly in the path of this run off water coming down the sloping land. Our second concern is the re routing of the footpath which runs along the side of our field the proposed new route would direct the footpath across our entrance gate making us more vulnerable to theft and footpath users feeding our horses, currently on restricted diets.

This is a problem we have already experienced from the current footpath routing and additional fencing has been applied to prevent this at our own cost, along with the associated vets bills for treatment.

Additionally the access track / footpath is used by tractors delivering feed and hay for our horses Mary Kemp.