

I live in Camblesforth.

I moved to the village 18 years ago and regularly walked/ran around the village and open countryside, enjoying the peace and tranquility of its surroundings which supported me in my mental health battle and helped 'blow away the cobwebs'. It was/is wonderful to spot all manners of wildlife including deer, birds of prey and ground nesting skylarks to name but a few.

I now work for Royal Mail in delivery so do not walk or run as regularly as previously, for obvious reasons! However, I walked down Camela Lane a few days ago and what I saw before me utterly shocked and devastated me. The sheer vastness of the land being used for the installation of solar panels is beyond belief. I was left open mouthed and teary eyed at the decimation of arable land and wildlife habitat in front of me, along with high fences, preventing wildlife from roaming free and sometimes trapping them within its boundaries. It became clear that I had underestimated how much of a detrimental impact it would have on the land, the wildlife and the village itself. What I thought was a public right of way has been fenced off. I went home with a tear in my eye and won't ever take that once scenic and mind clearing walk again.

I understand that more of this decimation is planned for surrounding areas and I would urge anyone to seriously consider the effect not only on our declining wildlife, which absolutely nobody seems to be remotely concerned for, but also the fact our farmers are now being paid NOT to grow crops on useable land. It beggars belief.

Another issue is obviously how this would/will affect house prices in the area.

A big factor for many choosing to live here, me included was the surrounding greenery with working farms and abundant wildlife. When [REDACTED], I moved my whole life here and it was a blessing.

[REDACTED] cannot be allowed to further ravage the area and I do not see the benefit of it to anyone other than those who have exchanged contracts.

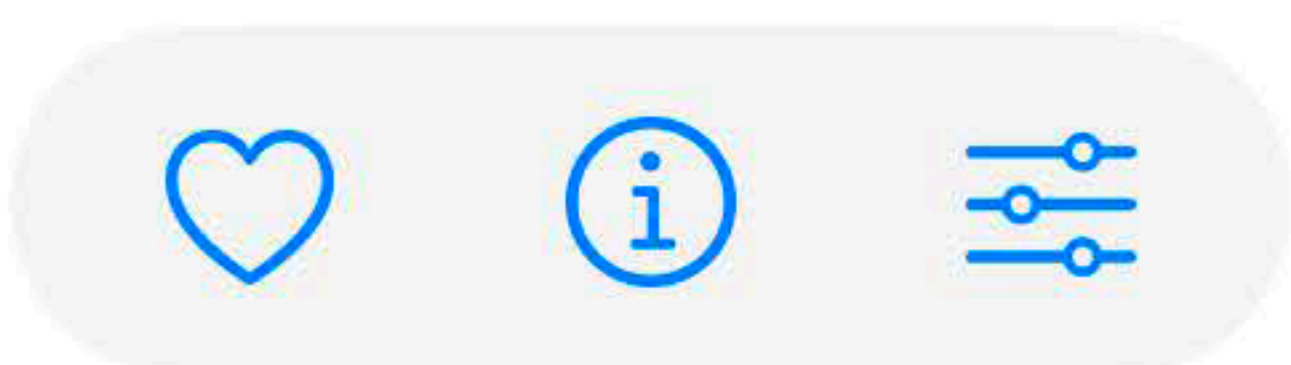
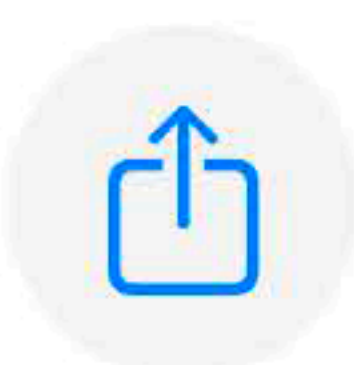
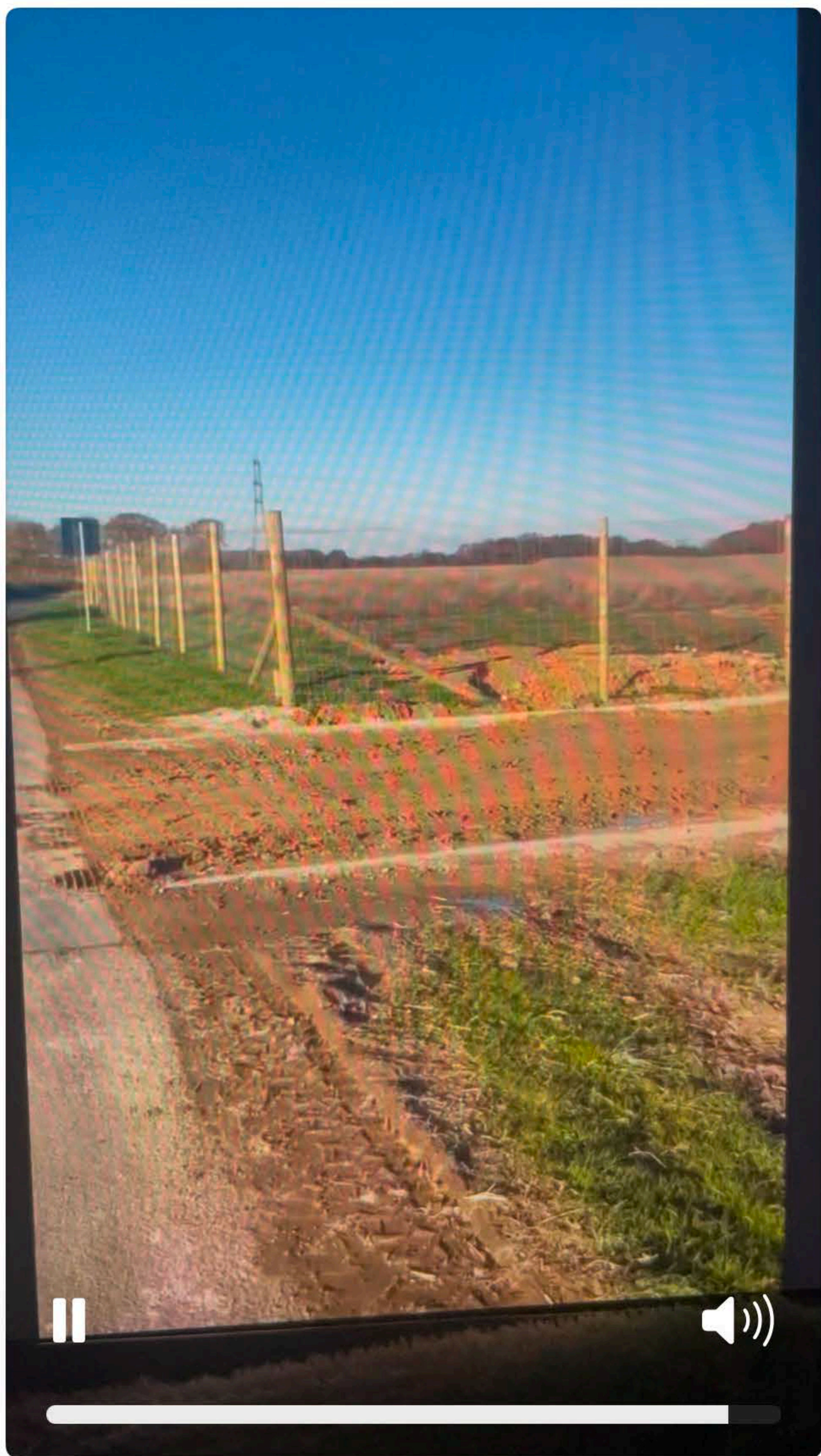
Would it not be a sensible suggestion (to whom it may concern) that solar panels can and should be installed on roofs, for example schools, hospitals, car parks, shopping centres, places of worship, Houses of Parliament, factories, businesses?

Companies responsible for these applications and those passing applications should be considering the impact on small communities, villages, arable land and the wonderful countryside that the UK should really be proud of and be doing everything possible to protect. The Amazon rainforest is dramatically shrinking and along with house building and projects such as solar farms, we are heading in the same direction. I have read (Naturalengland.org) that regarding solar farms there is next to no evidence or research into their ecological impacts, which I would suggest it is urgently needed and 'concerns have been raised that solar PV developments have the potential to negatively impact a broad range of taxa including birds, bats, mammals, insects and plants. In light of this, it is highly recommended that research is undertaken into the ecological impacts of solar PV arrays across a broad range of taxa at multiple geographical scales'.

I would urge anyone to have a walk down Camela Lane in Camblesforth and not be affected by what you see.

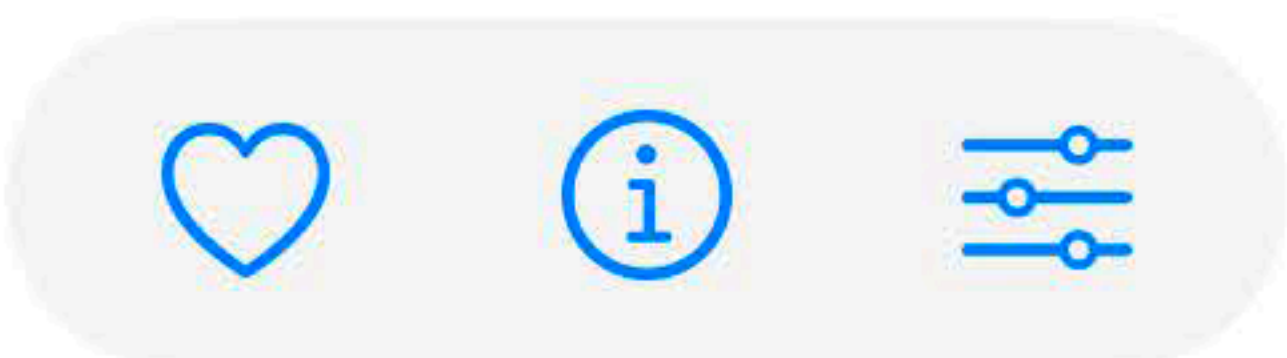
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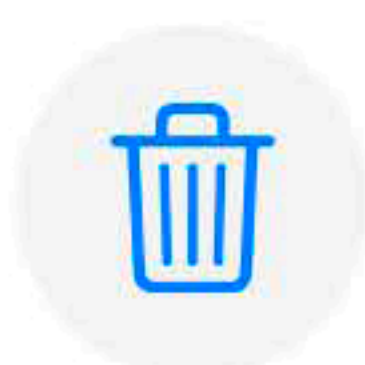
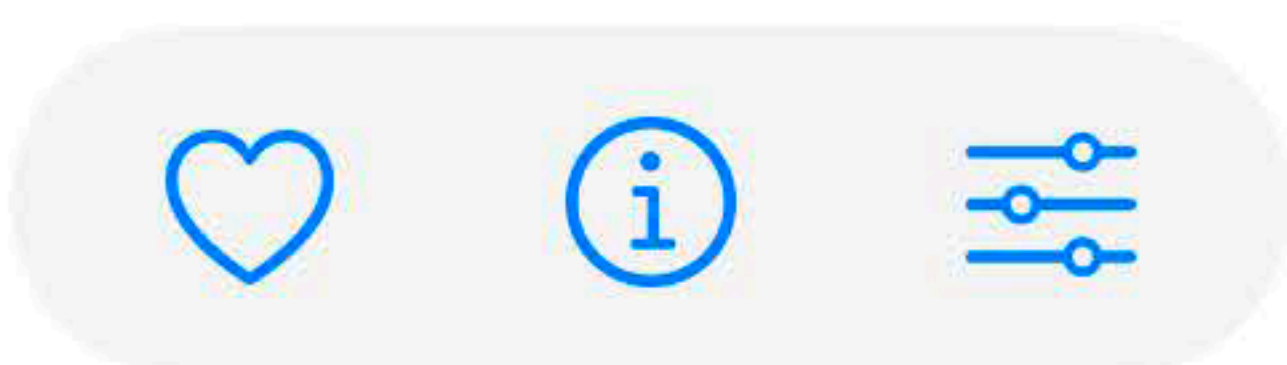
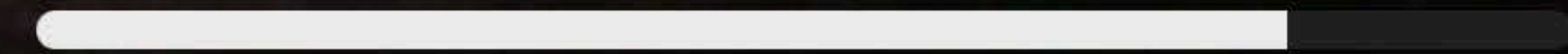
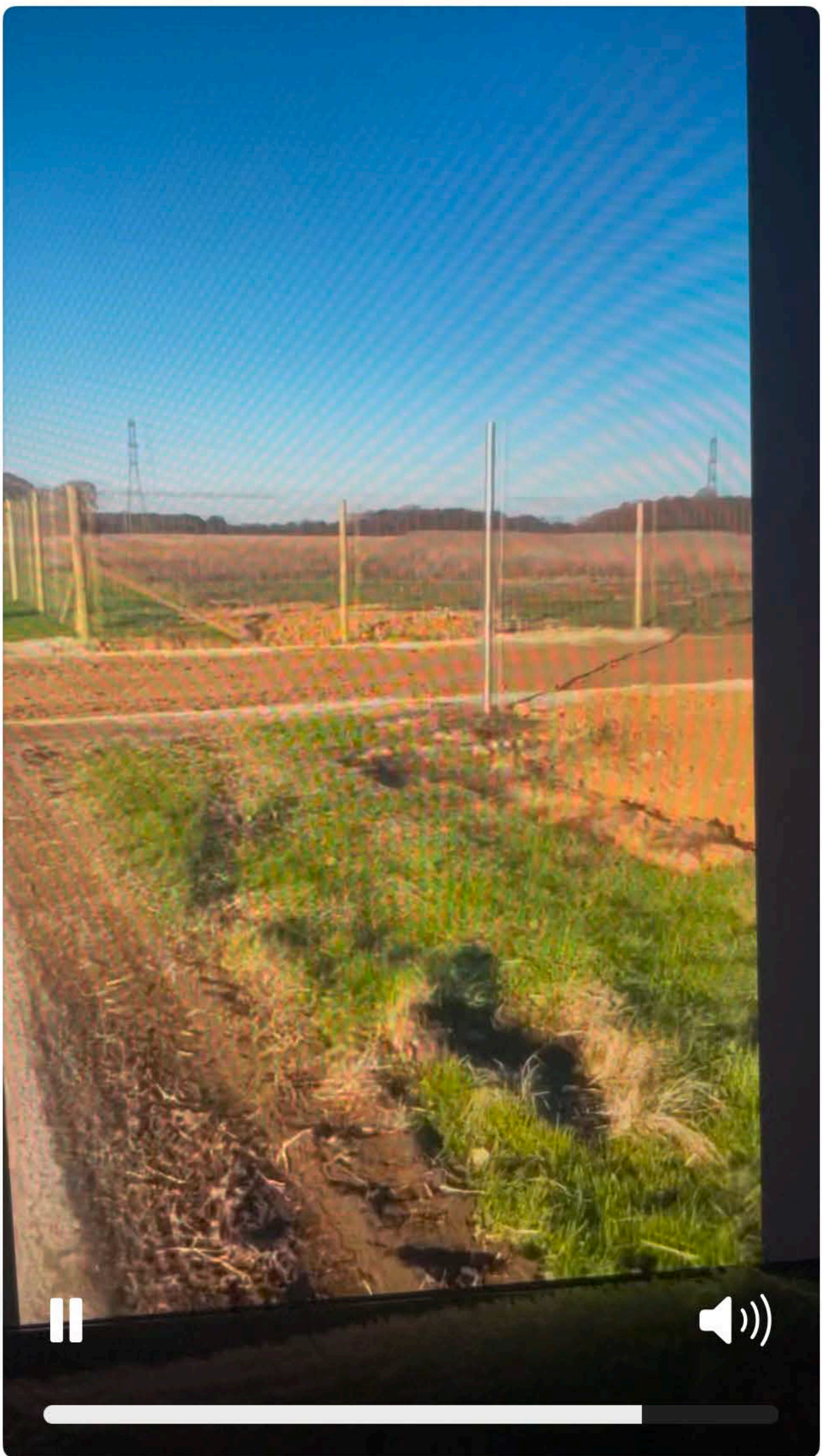


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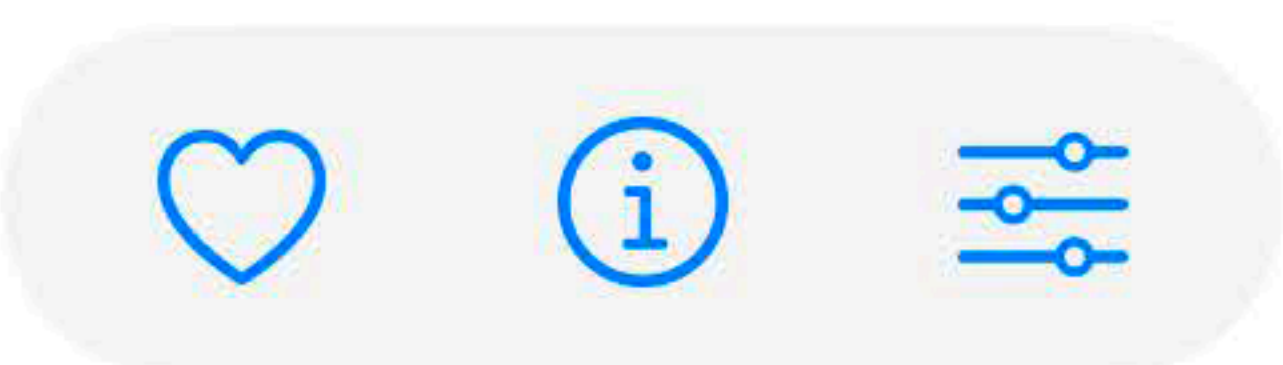
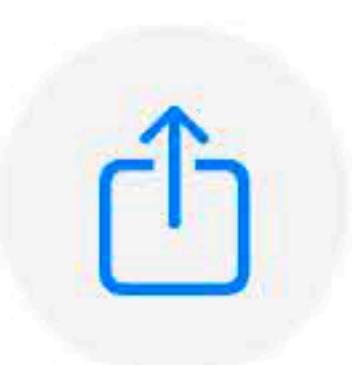
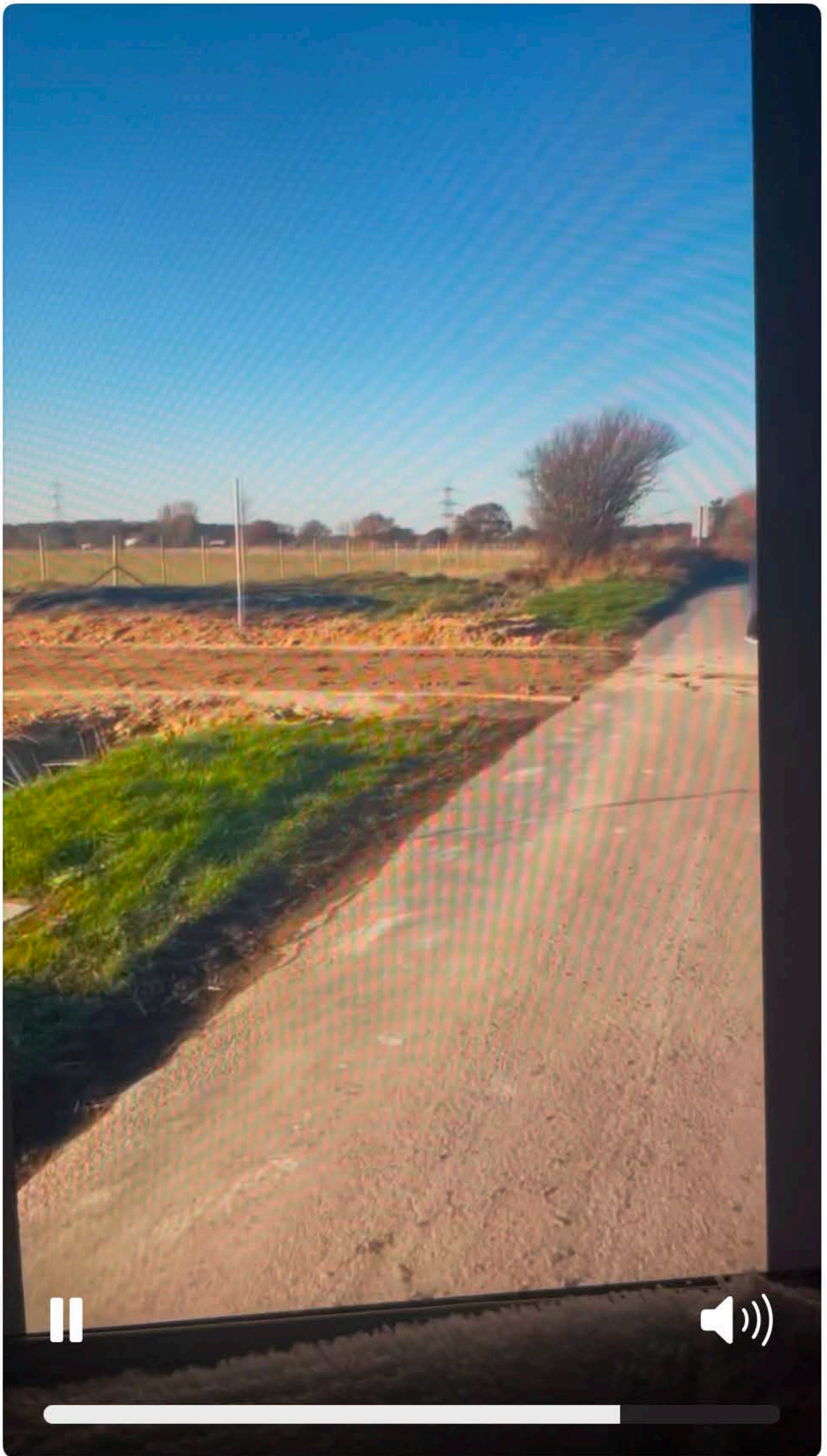
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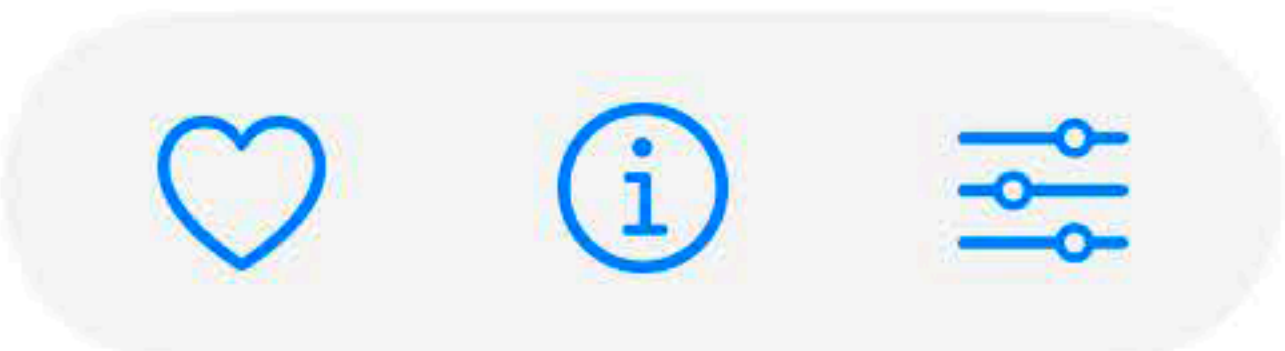
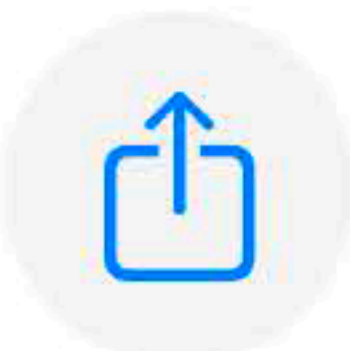
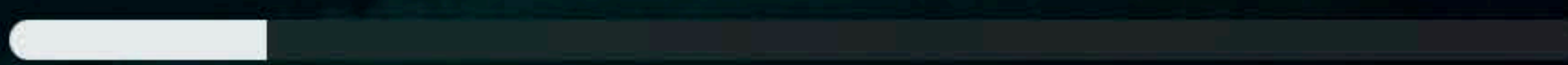
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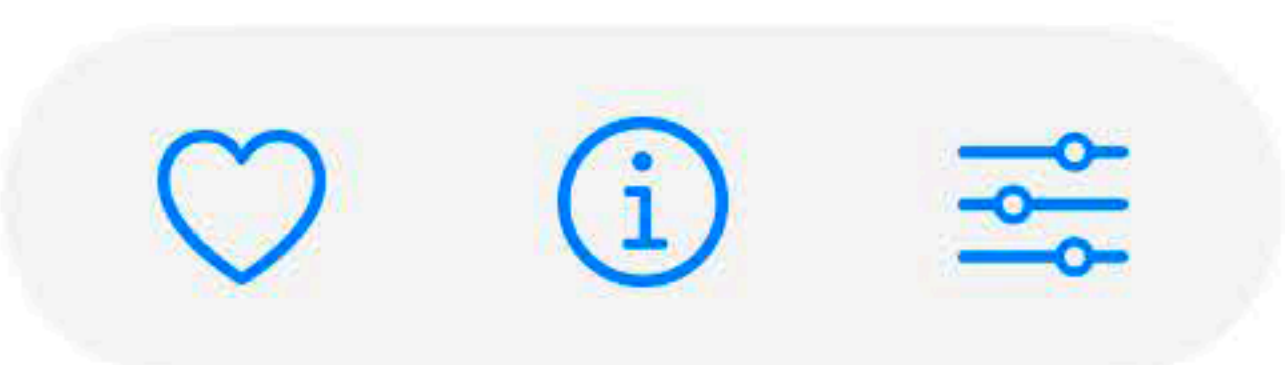
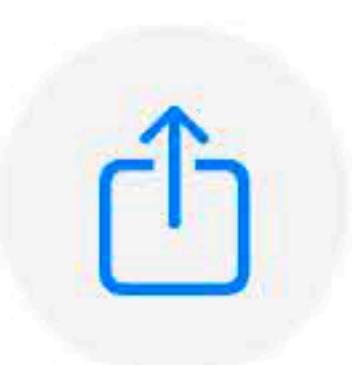
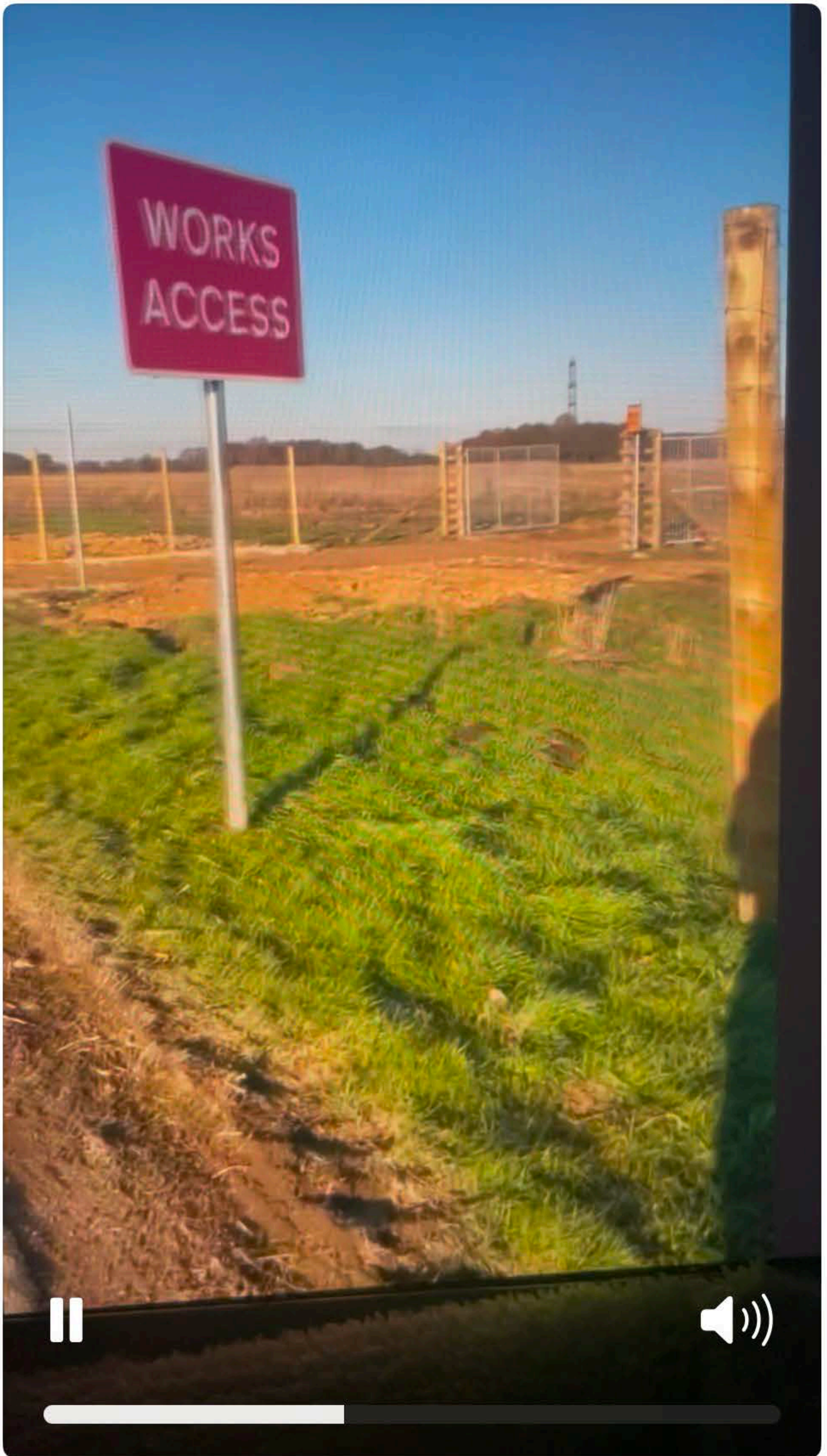
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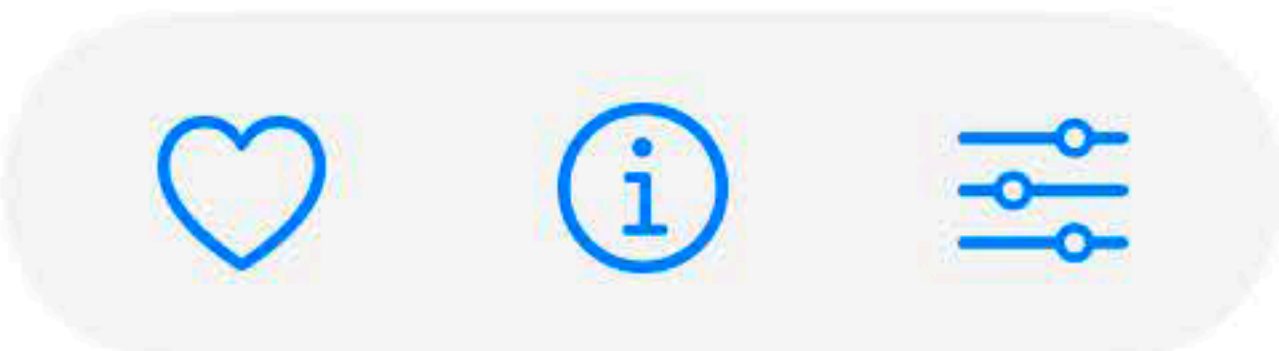
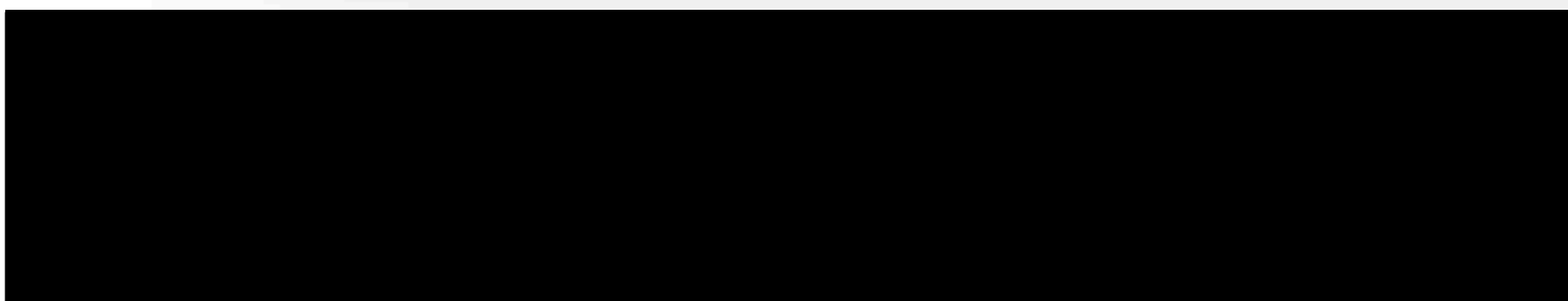
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