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Page 82, SE 1.16 Farming practices, question for the National Farmers' Union. The Restrictive Covenant at Schedule 5 of the draft Development Consent Order includes restrictions on erecting buildings or hard standings and prevents anything to be done by way of excavation of any kind or agricultural practices (including but not limited to ploughing) exceeding 0.6 metres in depth. Comment on the effects that this may have on farming practices on land within the order limits.

I asked this question to some agronomists I know. Below is the consensus view from well-respected East Midlands agronomist Andrew Wells. The only other operation mentioned that would go below 0.6 metres depth is putting in field gateposts. So the main issue, ironically enough, would be the Restricted Covenant's prevention on work to repair or install new land drains. Our evidence to the Examining Authority will show that the effect on land drainage is the major issue for farmers associated with the whole project.

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Morning Paul,

Very few field cultivations go as deep as 60 cm but some would get quite close as subsoiling and mole draining can often be around 50 – 55 cm deep. There are some text books on cultivations written mainly in the 1980's and 90's which you could use to support this depth of work.

From a farming view the biggest issue will be the inability to install new or replace land drains across the cable ducts. Depending on the field topography it may be possible to install new drains that run either side of the cable ducts, but it is an issue I would rather not have to consider.

Best wishes

Andrew

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