

RESPONSE TO INSPECTORS QUESTIONS 1

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Please provide further details of the impact that the exercise of the powers of Compulsory Acquisition sought would have upon the farming business and your reference to a management agreement for a legacy brief.

The seeming injustice that the land that has been farmed by four generations of our family can be taken away in exchange for a compensation fee which will not enable us to purchase additional replacement acres is criminal. It seems only honourable that Highways England (HE) should compensate like for like, by providing compensation levels to enable us to replace the lost area of land in order to ensure there will be no detrimental effects to our overall farm business.

Farm overheads are spread over the whole acreage, so a reduction of 4% of the arable land will have a considerable effect. Added to this, our independent investigation into the groundwater of the Scheme has highlighted that there is no certainty that groundwater flow will not be effected by the tunnel. HE's refusal to take this real danger on board and investigate a replacement supply, is astounding. The borehole water supply is critical to our business and farm cottages. Should this be compromised, it will have devastating results on our farming business.

The management agreement for a legacy brief refers to our family ethos, summarised as follows: Although the land we farm provides us with an income, we have a moral responsibility to ensure it is tended in a respectful way, maintaining the health of the soil and welfare of the livestock. We endeavour to do whilst maintaining the natural environment and protecting the important archaeological culture depicted in the barrow cemeteries. It is this guardian role of managing the farm as a legacy for all those generations that will follow after that we refer to.