

I am the farming tenant at the [REDACTED] where I breed and raise beef cattle. I have a herd of between 24-26 breeding cattle which graze the land at Berry Hall, plus approx. up to 80 store cattle per year being fattened at [REDACTED]. They graze on the meadows and the calves are fattened in the dairy shed, we currently do not have enough room on our own holding for these cattle and if we were to lose the grazing and shed space at [REDACTED] this would effect our business greatly and we would have to either sell these cattle or find alternative pastures which are very hard to come by in this area. I grow grain on the arable fields for feed, fertilised by the cows' manure. I keep silage in the silage compound north of the dairy shed. Lorry access to the farm is down the drive from the A47. The cattle use the drive across to Berry's Lane to reach the meadows, plus Berry's Lane to get south of the river and they use the field behind Merrywood House to reach the meadow beyond.

From what I can understand of the current proposal my business at Berry will be ruined if the road construction goes ahead as now planned. Most of the arable fields will be taken and the drainage destroyed. The drives will be blocked off and the dairy shed will be stuck between two construction compounds. Most of the Merrywood field will be taken as well.

I may not be able to attend the Open Floor Hearing on 12 August due to the possibility of harvest continuing. However I would like to ask, has my farming business been taken into account, and what does the applicant propose to do about it? Have they considered any alternatives to needing these compounds and the Merrywood field?