

Impact of the proposed development on my farming business

This is Grade 2 agricultural land which means that it is high grade land capable of growing a range of crops. This land consistently out performs the national average as shown from a sample of my recorded yields over the last 3 years.

| year | H44 | | S2 | |
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| | Grown | Nat average | Grown | Nat average |
| 2016 | Wheat. 3.8 t/acre | 3.2t/acre | Oats 3t/a | 2.4t/a |
| 2015 | Beans 1.8t/acre | 1.5 t/a | Wheat 3.75t/a | 3.2 t/a |
| 2014 | Wheat 3.9t/a | 3.2 t/a | Beans 2t/a | 1.5 t/a |

Recent crops grown include Beans exported to Egypt as a food source and Oats exported to Germany for gluten free flour. Previously we have grown star flower here for the pharmaceutical industry. With an uncertain future we might need to grow more of our own food or grow produce to be exported, either way, this land is flexible and versatile with a high agricultural value.

The World population is rising and our position within Europe faces an uncertain future. We are likely to have to accommodate migrant populations. The type of crops grown will change from grain based to brassicas

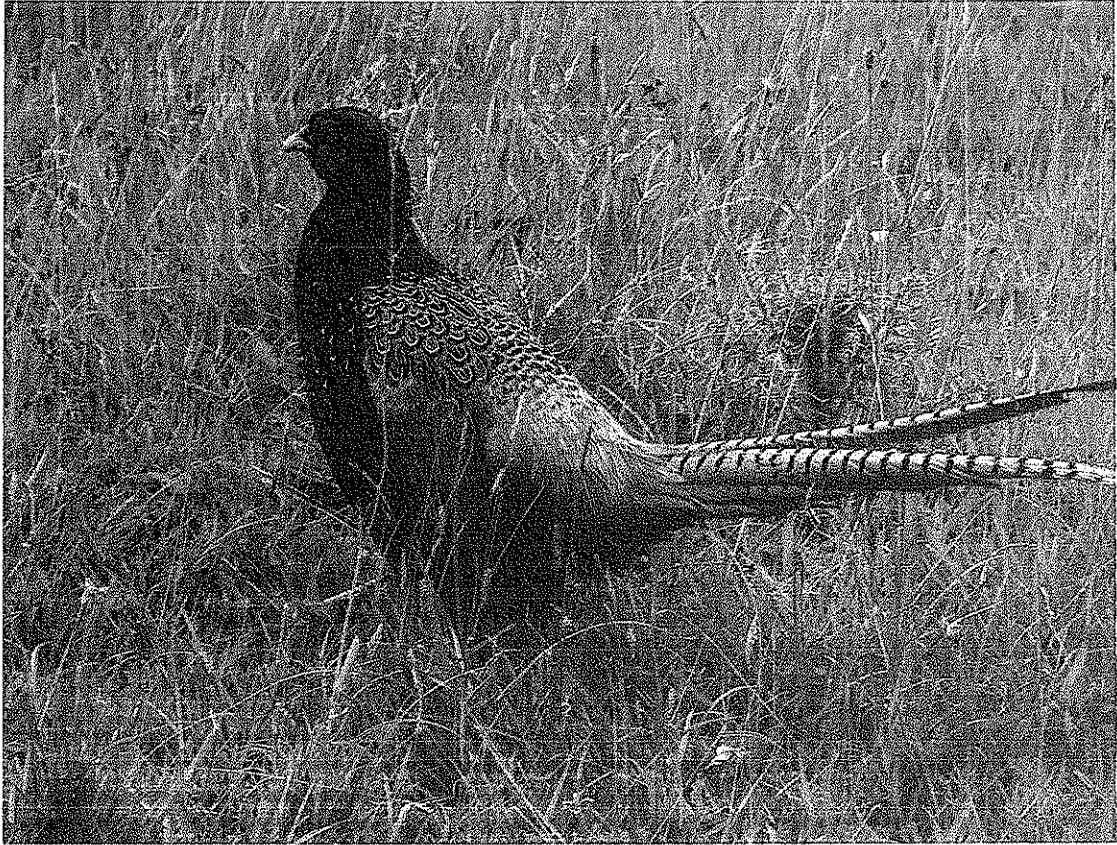
like Kale which we grew historically for livestock, but is now a popular vegetable. There is more call for herbs and vegetables and with the light sandy soil on this farm this is all possible.

Can we really afford to permanently remove this resource when there are other more suitable, less valuable plots of land available nearer to Coventry?



Bean Crop

Whole area H44 and S2 equates to a quarter of my business . Removal of this land from my tenancy would make the business unviable because the production costs of growing these crops are spread over the whole acreage. There is no more land available for tenant farmers such as myself, especially in this area where local landowners are buying up everything they can as they are losing land to HS2



Impact on wildlife and destruction of established wildlife environment.

In response to point 4.i (loss of habitat/ecological asset)

There was a 5 year wildlife survey done on the farm finishing in 2008. We can add to the list of species, Roe and Fallow deer, which migrate from Bericote Wood along Sandy Lane. There are 2 badgers sets on H44 not to mention the pond and stream that drains into the river Avon, which provides a wildlife corridor supporting amphibians and insects all listed in the survey. The report claims that 'good layout and design will maintain wildlife habitats and species connectivity across the site,' but these timid creature will not endure the closer proximity to people and will go.

The site of H44 is at the bottom of a hill and water run off is largely absorbed into the land with some discharging into

the pond below Sandy Lane Farm and the small watercourse into the River Avon. Building on this site will destroy this natural drainage so the water will have to be discharged into the River Avon. The obvious route being via the stream, so this habitat will be destroyed, not to mention the increased water going down stream to flood our farmland towards the Saxon Mill and all the way into Warwick.





Amenity/recreational value

A loss of recreational opportunity and appreciation relating to openness of the land area, views unimpeded by conurbation approached on a network of public footpaths across the parish for which there is no cost to the local authority or the many who take advantage of this recreational provision.

There is a unique opportunity for people to learn first hand about what we are growing, why we do certain things on the farm.

One such incidence occurred when a tractor got stuck last spring. Initially people gathered round to watch, then one man went home and got a spade and helped to dig it out. It was a great moment and an example of how the local residents appreciate the farm. A man made recreational area isn't the same