

Party: Claimants
Name: Andrew James Todd
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CLAIM NO: KB-2025-000136

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

B E T W E E N

- (1) WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS LIMITED**
- (2) SAFEWAY STORES LIMITED**
- (3) WM MORRISON PRODUCE LIMITED**

Claimants

- v -

- (1) PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO ENTER AND REMAIN UPON ANY OF THE DISTRIBUTION CENTRES WHICH ARE DEFINED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE CLAIM FORM WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANTS IN CONNECTION WITH AGRICULTURAL PROTESTS**
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CREATE OR CAUSE BLOCKADES AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE ACCESS ROADS TO THE SAID DISTRIBUTION CENTRES, WHICH ARE SHOWN ON THE PLANS AT SCHEDULE 2 TO THE CLAIM FORM, WITH OR WITHOUT VEHICLES, INCLUDING TRACTORS OR OTHERWISE, IN CONNECTION WITH AGRICULTURAL PROTESTS**

Defendants

EXHIBIT AJT8

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- and -

**PERSONS UNKNOWN -
[more fully described in the Claim Form]**

Defendants

CLAIMANTS' SKELETON ARGUMENT

Hearing: 12 May 2025 (1 hour)

References in this Skeleton Argument:

- e.g. “[HB/50]” are references to page numbers in the Hearing Bundle.
- e.g. “[SB/20]” are references to page numbers in the Supplemental Hearing Bundle.
- e.g. “[AB/2]” are references to page numbers of the Authorities Bundle.

Suggested Pre-Reading: (Time Estimate: 3 hours) -

- Sealed re-amended claim form [SB/3-13]
- Application Notice dated 15 January 2025 [HB/27-31]
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- Order of Collins Rice J dated 16 January 2025, amended on 20 January 2025 (“**the Collins Rice J Order**”) [SB/81-101]
- Order of Fordham J dated 20 January 2025 (“**the Fordham J First Order**”) [SB/137-157]
- The judgment of Fordham J dated 20 January 2025 [SB/193-198]
- Order of Fordham J dated 21 January 2025 (“**the Fordham J Second Order**”) and the amended Fordham J Replacement Order amended on 24 January 2025 [SB/199-217]

- Order of HHJ Tindal (sitting as a Deputy High Court Judge) dated 29 January 2025 (“**the HHJ Tindal Order**”) [SB/253-273]
- Minute of HHJ Tindal’s ex tempore judgment dated 29 January 2025 [SB/309-315]
- Fifth Witness Statement of Andrew Todd (“**Todd 5**”) [SB/858-861]
- Sixth Witness Statement of Andrew Todd (“**Todd 6**”) [SB/868-880]

A. THE REVIEW HEARING

1. This is the Claimants’ skeleton argument in relation to the review hearing of the Claimants’ application for injunctions granted by the HHJ Tindal Order pursuant to paragraph 8 of that Order [SB/257]. The rationale for listing the review hearing only 3 months after the injunctions were granted and for a time estimate of 1 hour can be discerned from the Minute of HHJ Tindal’s ex tempore judgment at [SB/310-311]. As is apparent from that Minute, the Claimants sought the injunctions for a period of 12 months from the return hearing and HHJ Tindal considered that the matter should be listed for an early, short, review on the basis it would enable a view to be formed as to the extent of the continuing risk which justified the continuation of the injunctions and the extent of that period, and that a short hearing would be sufficient if matters were not contested. As set out below, there has been no change in the UK Government’s position vis-à-vis the IHT changes (whether in the mini-budget or otherwise) and the primary objective of the FTA remains in place. A 12 month injunction following a reviewing hearing after 30 April 2025 would correspond with the implementation of the inheritance tax changes in April 2026.

B. INTRODUCTION

2. The First Claimant is a supermarket chain that operates 1,700 retail sites, including supermarkets and convenience stores, across the United Kingdom (see Roberts 1 at [8]-[11] [HB/55]). The retail stores are supplied with goods delivered from retail distribution centres (“**RDCs**”). The RDCs also supply goods for the online business of the First Claimant’s group of companies and to wholesale business customers.
3. The Second and Third Claimants are wholly owned subsidiaries of the First Claimant. The Second Claimant produces and distributes a range of products sold in retail stores operated by the First Claimant. The Third Claimant purchases produce from third parties, such as farmers, and packs and distributes fresh produce.

4. By the claim, the Claimants have sought injunctions to restrain unlawful protest activity at eight of the RDCs (together “**the Sites**”) and access roads to the Sites, which are identified at Schedules 1 and 2 to the re-amended claim form [SB/11-13].
5. At this adjourned return date hearing, the Claimants will seek continuation of the injunctions granted by HHJ Tindal:
 - a. On the same terms (for a year or for such period as the Court considers fit) and with liberty to the Defendants to apply to set aside or vary, as set out in the proposed draft order filed with this skeleton argument;
 - b. On the basis that there continues to be a compelling justification and a sufficient threat which justifies the injunctions.

C. HOUSEKEEPING

6. All documents relating to the proceedings have been uploaded to the Morrisons’ website address. They have also been sent to an email address affiliated with an action group known as “Farmers to Action” (“**FTA**”). The Claimants’ solicitors have received no correspondence in relation to the application since the hearing before HHJ Tindal.

D. THE THREAT

7. The background is set out in Todd 1 at [63] – [87] [HB/110-121]. In short, the threat which provoked the claim was a set of demands by the FTA (Todd 1 at [66]), which manifested in disruptive protest at one of the Sites under the banners of FTA (and at other RDCs not owned or occupied by the Claimants) on 10 January 2025. The FTA describes itself as: “Dedicated to defending Farmers and Citizens across Great Britain” (Todd 1 at [63] and [66] [HB/110-111]). Its current demands are (1) for fairness in food pricing, (2) for national food security, and (3) the abolition of changes to inheritance tax (“**IHT**”) and the restoration of agricultural property relief and/or business property relief (the “**Demands**”). The FTA is affiliated with another action group known as “Together Declaration” (“**Together**”) (together “**the Protest Groups**”).

8. Essentially, some or all of the Protest Groups, appear to be committed to a campaign of protest in order to bring about the demands identified at [66] of Todd 1 [HB/111-112]. Since the initial protest action in January 2025, there has been clear and consistent rhetoric from supporters of members of the FTA that further action was intended until the Demands, in particular Demand (3), were met.

The original threat

9. The factual allegations and the basis on which the claim and application were made are set out in Todd 1 at [63] – [87.2] [HB/110 – 121], Todd 2, Todd 3 and Roberts 1 at [15] – 49] [HB/57-67]. On 10 January 2025, the Protest Groups arranged a number of roadblocks and ‘go-slow’ drives which occurred at or near the Sites [HB/114-115]:
 - a. Protestors blockaded the Willow Green RDC between the hours of 19:30pm on 10 January 2025 to 8:30am on 11 January 2025 by parking 50-70 tractors at access points to the Site (whether on the First Claimant’s land or on public highways) [HB/116-117 at [79] – [80]]. The impact of the blockade at Willow Green was significant and gave rise to health and safety concerns as set out in Sections 4 and 7 of Roberts [HB/59-61, 64-68], including empty shelves at a supermarket in Taunton [HB/191].
 - b. A number of tractors carried out a ‘go-slow’ drive on the A38 and 80 tractors carried out a three-hour ‘go-slow’ drive on the A303. Both of these roads are the near the Willow Green Site.
 - c. A ‘go-slow’ convoy occurred around the roads in Northampton near the Swan Valley, Latimer Park and Corby RDCs.
 - d. 50 tractors carried out a ‘go-slow’ drive on the A530 and 30 tractors carried out a similar drive on the A5. Both of these roads are the near the Gadbrook Site.
10. The action on 10 January 2025, in particular the blockade at Willow Green, appeared to galvanise the Protest Groups and generate support for FTA’s aims and means of protest by direct action [HB/116 – 118 at [80] – [83]; 119 –120 at [86.1] – [86.3]; 187-191, 199-201; 203;239 – 240 at [8] – [9]; 242; 245; 247].

11. On 12 January 2025, Sophie Throup, Head of Agriculture for the First Claimant, produced a video “*message of support to the whole of the farming community*” [HB/239 at [6]], in which she stated that the First Claimant shared the farmers’ concerns about the impact of the IHT changes on the long term future of farms and stating that the First Claimant was “here to help”. The video was posted on X as part of the First Claimant’s response to the protest action on 10 January 2025. The FTA’s reaction was to enhance its focus on Morrisons by posting a photograph of the empty supermarket shelves in Taunton with the caption: “@Morrisons...The time to show you back Farmers is now.” [HB/191]

Threat before hearing on 29 January 2025

12. Following the Collins Rice J Order, the Fordham J First Order and Fordham J Second Order, there was no unlawful activity at any of the RDCs [SB/731. at Roberts 2 [13]].
13. Although the FTA did not contest the injunction, users of Farming Forum, Instagram and Tiktok came out in support of direct action at RDCs, and, in some cases, encouraging covert protest “*strategically in order to avoid court injunction*” [SB/526 at Todd 4 at [44]] and there was evidence that there continued to be protesters who were committed to the cause and committed to the means of protest by blockading.
14. In light of that, HHJ Tindal was satisfied that there were certain people who were not dissuaded by the injunctions who might intend to protest at RDCs rather than at the supermarkets operated by the First Claimant, which meant there was a compelling justification for the continuation of the injunctions.
15. A minute of the ex tempore judgment of HHJ Tindal is at [SB/312-313]¹ which includes the following:

“The current position between 20 January and today is dealt with in the statements of Mr Todd and Mr Roberts, it is clear that the official email account of Farmers to Action have taken the injunction onboard and have respected the injunction and have posted complimentary things about Morrisons, they confirmed they would not be contesting the injunction.”

¹ The Claimants’ solicitors made a request for a copy of the ex tempore judgment on 3 February 2025. As yet, that has not been received.

On that footing it appears that the original organisers and planners for Farmers To Action are happy to respect the injunction, they have not taken opportunity to make representations in writing, I will say that they were very courteous in their response, it is clear from other social media posts that that position from FTA by no means is universal for example since the hearing before Mr Justice Fordham, comments have included the quote “fuck your injunction” someone else said “ignore the injunction it’s nonsense...” “chain their gates shut”, “if we all go to Morrisons... they can’t arrest us all” “we can move to a location 100 ft away” and the most considered and significant was by one user “thanks to the FTA at Bridgwater we’ve discovered a powerful tool” This, if I may say so, is a quintessential, thoughtful and considered view about the use of protests as part of a “carrot and stick” to achieve their objectives, something this country is built on, its life blood and part and parcel of law and democracy - as one can pick up from protest outside court today.

The point is, it is clear there are certain people who are not dissuaded by the injunction who may well intend to protest and in particular at RDCs rather than at the 1700 different Morrisons shops. It is for that reason that it seems to me there is a compelling justification for an injunction, I use that phrase deliberately.”

Ongoing threat

16. The basis of the Claimants’ view that there continues to be a real and imminent risk of serious harm is set out in Todd 6.
17. Although there has been no direct action at or near RDCs since the HHJ Tindal Order, that is consistent with the injunctions having proved an effective deterrent, rather than undermining their need. As Linden J put it in *Esso Petroleum Company Ltd v Persons Unknown* [2023] EWHC 1837 (KB) at [67] [AB/365]:

“it appears that the effect of the various injunctions which have been granted in this case and others has been to prevent or deter them from taking the steps prohibited by the orders of the court although, of course, not invariably so. If, therefore, an injunction is refused in the present case the overwhelming likelihood is that protests of the sort which were seen in 2021/2022 will resume.”
18. The FTA remain committed to their campaign until “*the proposed farm tax is scrapped or significantly altered*”, with statements being released as recently as 14 April 2025 urging farmers to “*get involved to show their opposition to Labour’s IHT plans*” “*before it’s [sic] too late*” with the need to “*step up, stand up and push hard*” and “*get this sorted by November, otherwise this will start to take effect by April*”: Todd 6 at [12] – [13] [SB/870-871].

19. Notably, statements on Farming Forum² by members, Facebook and Instagram indicate a continuing intention by persons affiliated with the Demands to achieve those aims by confrontational direct action activities of the nature which led to the grant of the injunctions and that the Claimants remain key targets for unlawful action. Examples of these statements targeted specifically at the First Claimant and/or RDCs include:
- 1 February 2025: *“Supermarkets and government wake up when you block food distribution centres and if the supermarkets and government aren't corrupt they agree with what is morally and legally right. If supermarkets and government are corrupt then it won't take many further blockades to force change.”* [SB/876 at [32]]
 - 4 February 2025: *“Protests probably won't force change...Blocking food distribution centres will force change, I'm guessing court injunction can't be imposed until at least one food distribution blockade per distribution centre. Then if there is any way of covertly or strategically continuing blockade without prosecution from court injunction then we are in business...”* [SB/874-875 at [27]]
 - 7 February 2025: *“It won't take many to block a food distribution centre...”* [SB/876 at [31]]
 - 7 February 2025: *“To get it written in law potent tools at our disposal such as blocking food distribution centres will bring it about” ... “we have every right to fight and force change with food distribution blockades and other potent tools at our disposal”* [SB/877 at [33] and [34]]
 - 7 February 2025: *“The fuel blockade worked not really because of how effective it was but because of the panic buying. That's the way we could still force their hand with distribution centres (especially now Morrisons lawyers have drawn us a load of great maps* 🤔🤔 😊)- the panic would spread as people worried about not having food to shove into their gobs...”* [SB/872-873 at [21]]

²A platform which allows members to engage in conversations via chat threads. Chris Fellows, a director of the company that operates the platform, has clarified that the operator of the platform had no involvement in the protest at Willow Green RDC or commercial relationship with FTA [SB/523 at 31.2].

- 19 February 2025: *“No. We need the element of surprise. It’s better if they don’t know where we will be protesting next.
“Also what about flying pickets. We don’t need to have 100 s tractors at a distribution centre just 8 or ten like at MK but with a couple of hundred bodies to assist. No excuse then about too far to travel on a tractor. 🤖” [SB/875-876 at [30]]*
- 26 February 2025: *“I will put my ass on the line. Somebody close to a distribution centre leave a tractor and trailer conveniently loaded with fym with the keys in and I will “steal it”. The deal is give me enough time to get close before phoning it in and then refuse to press charges due to it not being damaged.” [SB/873-874 at [25]]*
- 26 February 2025: *“...Target roads around distribution centres far enough away to negate morrison’s injunctions. As soon as you shout shortages the vultures will empty the shelves within 24 hours and within 48 hours Rachel from accounts will back down. Stop being nice it hasn’t worked in the last 50 years and won’t now.” [SB/875 at [29]]*
- 26 February 2025: *“Pressure on the supply site ... it’s the distribution, involving others in the food supply other than Farmers And if that will upset the public ... cant make an omlet without cracking a few eggs” [SB/878 at [35]]*
- 26 February 2025: With an image of empty supermarket shelves, *“Until this happens we are getting no where.” [SB/880 at [42]]*
- 1 March 2025: *“Only one answer block the distribution and empty shelves” [SB/875 at [28]]*
- 2 March 2025: *“There are plenty of other ways and places to protest
They will find it very hard to ban every farmer because there is no one single organisation or company to serve injunctions on
If they pick on any individual of group another will fill it’s place
There are 10 of thousands of address with farm in the name many not owned by farmers even the supermarkets have brands with farm in the name” [SB/874 at [26]]*

20. As set out at paragraph 18 above, although the FTA did not oppose the injunctions statements made in April 2025 also confirm the FTA’s commitment on a continuing basis to their core objective, namely a protest movement to pressurise the UK Government to abolish the IHT reforms [Todd 6 at [12] and [13] **[SB/870]**].
21. It is also understood that ‘closed’ WhatsApp groups are being used by farmers’ groups to coordinate the localised groups [**HB/239-240 at [8] and 9]**) which the Claimants do not have general access to.

Harm

22. The Collins Rice J Order [**SB/83**], the Fordham J Second Order [**SB/140-141**] and the HHJ Tindal Order [**SB/255**] set out that the Courts have, on three occasions, been satisfied that real harm would be caused by direct action by obstructing and/or blocking access to some or all of the Sites. See also [10] of Fordham J’s judgment [**SB/196**], and HHJ Tindal’s judgment [**SB/314**]. In summary:
 - a. Operational disruption at the RDCs would pose a risk to food security nationally, including to vulnerable members of society: Roberts 2 at [17] – [36] [**SB/732-734**].
 - b. Safeguarding / health and safety risks to persons at the Site: Roberts 1 at [46] [**HB/64**].
 - c. A particular vulnerability comes from the presence of fuel, from the fuelling stations located at each Site: Roberts 1 at [46.4] [**HB/64-65**].
 - d. The Claimants have suffered loss and damage by the protest at Willow Green RDC: Roberts 1 at [30] [**HB/61**].

E. THE LAW

23. The Supreme Court’s decision in *Wolverhampton CC v London Gypsies and Travellers* [2024] 2 WLR 45 [AB/2-81] (“*Wolverhampton CC*”) clarified the principles and guidance for the grant of injunctions against persons unknown, although it is the Claimants’ case that *Wolverhampton CC* has not materially affected the test to be applied

when granting an injunction in the context of protests against persons unknown (including newcomers).

24. In this context, there is no meaningful difference between interim and final injunctive relief: *Wolverhampton CC* [139], [143(vii), [178] and [234] [AB/55, 57, 70] and, more recently in the protest context, *Drax Power Ltd v Persons Unknown* [2024] EWHC 2224 (KB) [18] (Ritchie J) [AB/165].
25. The key substantive test for the grant of an injunction against Persons Unknown is that set out in [218] of *Wolverhampton CC*:

“any [claimant] applying for an injunction against persons unknown, including newcomers ... must satisfy the court by full and detailed evidence that there is a compelling justification for the order sought ... There must be a strong probability that a tort ... is to be committed and that this will cause real harm. Further the threat must be real and imminent”

26. Imminence means the absence of prematurity: see e.g. Julian Knowles J in *London City Airport Ltd v Persons Unknown* [2024] EWHC 2557 (KB) at [29] [AB/180].
27. Following the ruling of the Supreme Court³, the seven *Canada Goose* guidelines remain good law, and other factors have been added: see e.g. *Valero Energy Ltd v Persons Unknown* [2024] EWHC 1277 (KB) at [57] – [58] [AB/111-114]. Those factors are materially the same as those laid down in the protest cases of *Ineos v Persons Unknown* [2019] 4 WLR 100 at [34] [AB/142], and then developed in *Canada Goose v Persons Unknown* [2020] 1 WLR 2802 at [82] [AB/152-153].
28. Ritchie J in *Valero* identified 13 guidelines at [57] – [58] [AB/111-114] as relevant to the grant of an injunction. Those guidelines are set out in an annex to this skeleton argument. That framework guided the approaches taken by Collins Rice J, Fordham J and HHJ Tindal in making the orders granting the injunctions in this case.
29. It is relevant to draw the attention of the Court to a number of recent decisions considering and applying the Supreme Court judgment in *Wolverhampton CC*.

³ See in particular at [167], and then expanded upon at [188]-[189] and [218]-[232] [AB/64, 69-70, 76-79].

30. First, very recently Nicklin J in *MBR Acres Limited v Curtin and Persons Unknown* [2025] EWHC 331 (KB) [AB/188, 269-277, 282] – a protest case, in which the Claimants sought final orders against named defendants and persons unknown. At [9] – [10], [339] – [362] and [390], Nicklin J considered the description of those who are to be restrained by a ‘newcomer’ injunction following *Wolverhampton CC* and held that the effect of *Wolverhampton CC* is as follows:
- a. On the basis that these were truly *contra mundum* orders, it was “no longer necessary, nor appropriate” to restrain particular categories of defendants and Persons Unknown did not need to be, and ought not to be, defined in any way:: [340], [356], [360] and [361] [AB/269, 275 – 276].
 - b. In order to grant a *contra mundum* injunction, the Court must consider what other (and potentially better) solutions may be available, particularly in the context of protests. In the context of protest cases, the Court is entitled to and must have regard to (a) the extensive powers the police have to deal with protest activities, including, from 28 June 2022, the new statutory offence of public nuisance in s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022; and (in relation to potential exclusion zones) (b) the powers of local authorities to impose public space protection orders under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: [347] – [348] [AB/272].
 - c. In litigation brought solely *contra mundum* there can be no expectation or requirement to serve the claim form on the putative defendant because there is, in reality, no defendant and, if the Court is satisfied that it is appropriate to proceed without a defendant, the Court can dispense with service of the claim form: [355] and [359] [AB/275]. They are sufficiently protected by the ability to apply to set aside or vary the order.
 - d. All *contra mundum* injunctions, particularly those in protest cases, should include a requirement that the Court’s permission be obtained before a contempt application can be instituted [AB/280].

31. As regards the Supreme Court’s comments in *Wolverhampton CC* regarding the definition of the respondents to an injunction application, at [221] [AB/76] the Court held:

*“The actual or intended respondents to the application must be defined as precisely as possible. In so far as it is possible actually to identify persons to whom the order is directed (and who will be enjoined by its terms) by name or in some other way, as Lord Sumption explained in **Cameron** [2019] 1 WLR 1471, the local authority ought to do so. The fact that a precautionary injunction is also sought against newcomers or other persons unknown is not of itself a justification for failing properly to identify these persons when it is possible to do so, and serving them with the proceedings and order, if necessary, by seeking an order for substituted service. It is only permissible to seek or maintain an order directed to newcomers or other persons unknown where it is impossible to name or identify them in some other and more precise way. Even where the persons sought to be subjected to the injunction are newcomers, the possibility of identifying them as a class by reference to conduct prior to what would be a breach (and, if necessary, by reference to intention) should be explored and adopted if possible.”*

32. The approach of Nicklin J in *MBR Acres* at paragraph 30.a above was followed by Fordham J at the first hearing of an interim injunction application in *The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge v Persons Unknown* [2025] EWHC 454 (KB) at [27] [AB/301]. However, it was not followed by Soole J on its return date in *The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge v Persons Unknown* [2025] EWHC 724 (KB) [AB/308]. Rather, Soole J reverted to the more conventional approach of making the order against persons unknown identified by reference to defined conduct.

F. THE APPROPRIATE TEST

33. Collins Rice J, Fordham J and HHJ Tindal were each satisfied that the substantive and procedural requirements set out in the Annex to this Skeleton Argument were met so as to justify injunctive relief against Persons Unknown. The stated purpose of this hearing is to review the position and consider whether the injunction should be continued (see the HHJ Tindal Order at [8] [SB/257]).
34. At [225] of *Wolverhampton CC* [AB/77], the Supreme Court identified the approach to be taken at a review hearing, namely that such review:

“...will give all parties an opportunity to make full and complete disclosure to the court, supported by appropriate evidence, as to how effective the order has been;

whether any reasons or grounds for its discharge have emerged; whether there is any proper justification for its continuance; and whether and on what basis a further order ought to be made.”

35. Ritchie J in ***High Speed Two (HS2) Limited v Persons Unknown*** [2024] EWHC 1277 (KB) at [32] [AB/337] explained that, on a review of an interim injunction against persons unknown, the Court is not starting de novo:

“...The Judges who have previously made the interim injunctions have made findings justifying the interim injunctions. It is not the task of the Court on review to query or undermine those. However, *it is vital to understand why they were made*, to read and assimilate the findings, to understand the sub-strata of the quia timet, the reasons for the fear of unlawful direct action. Then *it is necessary to determine, on the evidence, whether anything material has changed. If nothing material has changed, if the risk still exists as before and the claimant remains rightly and justifiably fearful of unlawful attacks, the extension may be granted so long as procedural and legal rigour has been observed and fulfilled.*

33. On the other hand, *if material matters have changed*, the Court is required to analyse the changes, based on the evidence before it, and in the full light of the past decisions, *to determine anew, whether the scope, details and need for the full interim injunction should be altered.* To do so, the original thresholds for granting the interim injunction still apply. (emphasis added)”

36. Similarly, in ***Arla Foods v Persons Unknown*** [2024] EWHC 1952, when granting a 5-year injunction with annual reviews in relation to animal rights’ protestors, Jonathan Hilliard KC (sitting as a Deputy Judge of the High Court) observed the following [AB/397]:

“128... The annual review will allow a continued assessment of whether circumstances have changed so as make the continuation of the injunction appropriate and the five year maximum adds an appropriate end-point. In my judgment, it would not be appropriate to require the Claimants to incur the costs of applying each year for a new or renewed injunction. Rather the review should be of whether the position has developed since the last review.”

37. See also ***Shell v Persons Unknown*** [2023] EWHC 1229 (KB) per Hill J at [100]-101], [111] [AB/421-423], which makes the point that where a review hearing is not contested, a narrower approach is to be adopted than a complete rehearing of the matter.

38. As a result, the Claimants invite the Court to take the following approach:

- a. Having considered the grounds on which the Collins Rice J Order, the Fordham J First Order, the Fordham J Second Order and the HHJ Tindal Order were made and

the evidence before the Court for the hearing on 12 May 2025, to determine whether there has been any material change in circumstances since 29 January 2025.

- b. If the risk still exists as before and the Claimants remain justifiably fearful of unlawful attacks and the injunction is an effective deterrent, to grant a longer injunction so long as procedural and legal rigour has been observed and fulfilled.
 - c. If material matters have changed, the Court must analyse the changes and determine the application anew.
39. As to whether any further injunction granted on review should be ‘interim or ‘final’, the distinction between interim and final injunctions is of no practical significance for “newcomer” injunctions following *Wolverhampton CC*. The key substantive test is as set out at paragraph 25 above (which is a higher test than that set out in *American Cyanamid*). Service of the injunction orders has been validly effected on the Defendants by the methods set out and endorsed by the court (see paragraphs 54 and 55 below) and the necessary notifications to persons unknown to bring this hearing before the Court have been followed. The Court is invited to grant an injunction for 12 months with provision for review thereafter. To the extent that the Court considers that any further injunction can only be granted on an ‘interim’ basis at this stage, directions can be made for the Claimants to progress the matter to a final hearing after the expiry of the 12 month period and seek further relief if there continues to be a sufficient risk.

G. SUBMISSIONS

Position since 29 January 2025

40. There have been no material changes since 29 January 2025. Most notably, there have been no alterations to the UK Government’s position vis-à-vis the IHT changes (whether in the mini-budget or otherwise) and the primary objective of the FTA remains in place [SB/870-872 at [12] – [13] and [18]].
41. Importantly, Nicklin J’s decision, summarised in paragraph 30(b) above, does not represent a material change in circumstances: this was considered and addressed by HHJ Tindal in his judgment [SB/314].

42. For the avoidance of doubt, the solutions set out in paragraph 30(b) above do not constitute adequate protection against the risk set out below:
- a. The Public Order Act 2023 was already in force when the the direct action first emerged took place, which demonstrates that the potential of criminal sanctions under that Act is not an effective deterrent. The previous judges rightly considered that the threat was sufficient to grant injunctive relief and nothing has materially changed since then.
 - b. Potential criminal prosecution is directed towards punishing offenders for past crimes whereas an anticipatory injunction is granted to prevent identifiable future harm: see Dexter Dias J in *Shell U.K. Limited v Persons Unknown* [2024] EWHC 3130 (KB) at [139]- [140] [AB/414].
 - c. Further, any such action would not be within the control of or insisted upon by the Claimants.
 - d. In respect of public space protection orders under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, such an order could only be made in respect of a “public place” meaning, by section 74, “any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission” i.e., only in respect of the access roads and not the Sites themselves or any private access roads such as at Willow Green RDC. Such protection, if made, would therefore be inadequate to protect against the identified risk.

Risk

43. As set out in paragraphs 7 to 15 above, the evidence before Collins Rice J, Fordham J and HHJ Tindal showed a pattern of unlawful activity being used as part of protests carried out by those in connection with the Protest Groups and provided sufficient evidential foundation for the conclusion of a risk future direct action in respect of RDCs operated by the Claimants.

44. The evidence in paragraphs 16 to 19 above indicates that there are those involved with the protests consider that: (1) the need for protest activity remains; and (2) protest activity must occur imminently or it will be futile. Further, there is evidence that there continues to be a faction of supporters of the protest movement who hold a third view, namely that such protest activity will also be futile unless it is disruptive and aimed at RDCs (“*blockade*”, “*force their hand with distribution centres*”, “*blocking food distribution centres will force change*”).
45. Critically, the Claimants’ knowledge of what intentions and/or plans there are for protests, including those by blockades / direct action, is limited to what is publicly available, but that information is likely only to be the tip of the iceberg in view of: (1) the strategy, behind the more disruptive end of the protest movement, of operating “*covertly*” [SB/874 at [27]; and (2) as set out in paragraph 21 above, the organisation of protests, particularly those of a disruptive nature, appears to occur on private, inaccessible WhatsApp groups.
46. Although the Claimants cannot identify what locations might be the target of future direct action, what is known is the identification of the Sites through the plans annexed to the orders and claim form has caused some protesters to see the Claimants’ RDCs as ‘easy targets’ [SB/872 at [21]].

Full and Frank Disclosure

47. Between 7 April and 27 April 2025, the FTA appears to have arranged protests in various locations which did not include RDCs and appear to have been peaceful.
48. This is the sort of activity which is not captured by the injunctions already granted. The Claimants do not seek to restrain this sort of protest and do not rely on it for the purposes of risk. There is a body of evidence, however, which makes clear that the advocates for disruptive action are aware of the distinction between the peaceful protests at supermarkets, which the orders do not capture, and those at RDCs.
49. There is also evidence that certain protesters are aware of the limits of the injunctions (“*Target roads around distribution centres far enough away to negate morrison*s”).

injunctions”). The fact that there may be protesters who are prepared to thwart the efficacy of the injunctions does not eliminate the risk facing the Claimants – in fact, the converse is true i.e., the Claimants may need greater assistance from the Court at a future stage if the limitations are exploited or in order to secure enforcement of the orders. The recent statements therefore militate in favour, rather than against, relief being granted at this stage.

Compelling justification for continuation of injunction

50. Given the evidence before the Court, the Claimants remain justifiably concerned of imminent risk of serious harm and continue to require the protection of the injunctions. The evidence shows that the injunctions have, thus far, operated as an effective deterrent but the injunctions have also highlighted to protesters where they might carry out blockades of the sort the Claimants are concerned i.e., if there are no injunctions protecting the Sites, the Claimants are even more likely to face the sort of unlawful direct action about which they are concerned.

Identification of Defendants

51. The Claimants invite the Court to follow the more conventional approach of Soole J in *Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge v Persons Unknown* and suggest no amendment to the description of the Defendants given they are capable of being identified by reference to their conduct (in line with [225] of *Wolverhampton CC*).

Temporal limits of the proposed continuation

52. The Claimants seek continued protection for a further year on the basis that the evidence shows that the protest movement remains tied to the IHT changes i.e., until 6 April 2026 [SB/871-872 at [13]]. The Claimants’ proposal for a review in 12 months’ time will ensure that the matter is reconsidered by the Court shortly after implementation of those reforms.
53. The Court will note that HHJ Tindal acknowledged at the last hearing that a further 12 months might be the appropriate period to grant at the review hearing if there had been no change in Government policy (see Minute of HHJ Tindal’s ex tempore judgment at [SB/315]):

“Firstly, these are particular protests about particular issues, they are likely to spike an injunction needed at particular times, most obvious is spring statement at the end of March, where the Treasury may or may not affirm its policy on IHT. There is also Easter to get through which is a challenging time for supermarkets and coincides with challenging time for farmers so I can see importance of lasting over Easter. A three month order would cover both of those things without going off further into distance. 3 months is long enough for Morrisons to review and say it’s no longer needed or that it should be extended, by then it could arguably be extended for a year which would cover next tax year.”

Service

54. The HHJ Tindal Order, skeleton argument for that hearing and evidence relied upon was sent to the FTA’s email address, as well as being uploaded to the Claimants’ website and affixed at the Sites [SB/859-861 at [11] – [17.4]. The notice of the hearing of 12 May 2025 was also sent by email and uploaded to the website [SB/871-872 at [17].
55. The steps taken by the Claimants in order to comply with the requirements of section 12(2) of the Human Rights Act 1998 meet also the procedural requirements for service set out in *Wolverhampton CC*, insofar as they are separate requirements.

H. CONCLUSION

56. For the reasons set out above, the Claimants invite the Court to continue the HHJ Tindal Order on the terms set out in the draft order.

MYRIAM STACEY K.C.

EVIE BARDEN

LANDMARK CHAMBERS

8 May 2025

ANNEX

(A) Substantive requirements

- a. Cause of action: There must be a civil cause of action identified in the claim form and particulars of claim. The usual quia timet (since he fears) action relates to the fear of torts such as trespass, damage to property, private or public nuisance, tortious interference with trade contracts, conspiracy with consequential damage and on-site criminal activity.
- b. Full and frank disclosure by the claimant: The applicant must make full disclosure to the Court not just of all the facts and matters upon which it relies but also and importantly, full disclosure of all facts, matters and arguments of which, after reasonable research, it is aware or could with reasonable diligence ascertain and which might affect the decision of the Court whether to grant, maintain or discharge the order in issue, or the terms of the order it is prepared to make or maintain. This obligation is a continuing one: see *Wolverhampton* at [167(ii)] and [219] [**AB/64 and 76**].
- c. Sufficient evidence: There must be sufficient and detailed evidence to justify the Court finding there is a compelling need for the protection of civil rights: see *Wolverhampton* at [167(i)] and [188] [**AB/64 and 69-70**]. There must be a strong probability that a tort or breach of planning control or other aspect of public law is to be committed and that this will cause real harm. The threat must be real and imminent: *Canada Goose* at [82(4)] [**AB/153**]; *Wolverhampton* at [218] [**AB/76**].
- d. Defences: The nature of the proceedings are “ex-parte” in Persons Unknown cases and so the Court must be alive to any potential defences and the Claimants must set them out and make submissions upon them.
- e. Compelling justification: There must be a “compelling justification” for the injunction against PUs to protect the claimant’s civil rights. The Court must take into account that which is set out by the Supreme Court in *DPP v Ziegler* [2021] 3 WLR 179 if the Persons Unknown’s rights under the European Convention on Human Rights (“ECHR”) are engaged and restricted by the proposed injunction: *Wolverhampton* at [167(ii)] [**AB/64**]. The injunction must be necessary and proportionate to the need to protect the claimant’s rights. Section 12(3) of the Human Rights Act 1998 also provides that no relief affecting the exercise of

Convention rights is to be granted “so as to restrain publication before trial unless the court is satisfied that the applicant is likely to establish that publication should not be allowed”.

- f. Damages are not an adequate remedy: The claimant must show that damages would not be an adequate remedy.

(B) Procedural requirements

- g. Identifying the defendants: “Persons Unknown” defendants in the claim form are, by definition, people who have not been identified at the time of the commencement of the proceedings. If they are known and have been identified, they must be joined as individual defendants to the proceedings: *Canada Goose* at [82(1)] [AB/152-153]. The class of “persons unknown” must be framed as precisely as possible, in non-technical language by reference to the torts to be prohibited which is capable of being understood by those who could potentially be subject to it.
- h. Terms of the injunction: The prohibited acts must be clearly expressed in everyday terms: *Canada Goose* at [82(5)-(6)] [AB/153]; *Wolverhampton* at [222] [AB/77]. Even lawful conduct may be restrained where it is necessary to afford adequate protection to the rights of the claimant because there is no other proportionate way of doing so: *Wolverhampton* at [222] [AB/77].
- i. Scope of the injunction: The prohibited acts must correspond to the actual threatened conduct.
- j. Geographic boundaries: The prohibitions must be defined by clear geographic boundaries, if that is possible: *Canada Goose* at [82(7)] [AB/153]; *Wolverhampton* at [225] [AB/77]. The injunction should be constrained by both territorial (and temporal) limitations so as to ensure, as far as practicable, that they neither outflank nor outlast the compelling circumstances relied upon: [167(iv)] [AB/64].
- k. Temporal limits: The duration of the order should be only such as is proven to be reasonably necessary to protect the claimant’s legal rights in light of the evidence of past tortious activity and future feared activity.
- l. Service: An applicant of this kind should take reasonable steps to draw the application to the attention of persons likely to be affected in sufficient time prior to the hearing. The steps taken and the responses received should be explained to the Court: *Wolverhampton* at [226] [AB/77-78]. The applicant must, under section

12 of the Human Rights Act 1998, show that it has taken all practicable steps to notify the respondents: *Wolverhampton* at [167(ii)] and [230] [AB/64 and 78].

- m. The right to set aside or vary: The “Persons Unknown” must be given the right to set aside or vary the injunction on generous terms: *Wolverhampton* at [232] [AB/78-79].
- n. Review: Provision must be made for reviewing the injunction in the future, the regularity of which depends on the circumstances: *Wolverhampton* at [225] [AB/77].



Farmers To Action (FTA) is now formally disbanded. All memberships will be refunded in full.

FTA was created to help unite farming and defend itself - but over time, the structure became a distraction from the real fight.

What truly mattered, and what you achieved, was far greater: the farming community connected hundreds of farmers who had never met or spoken before.

Those connections now exist independently of any organisation - and that is something everyone should be proud of.

For too long, too much energy has gone into FTA itself rather than the fight we urgently need to win: saving Britain's farms and stopping this Labour government from further ruining the country. The focus must now return to action - not administration.

Two forthcoming National Unity events are happening on 24th and 26th November. These are organised by independent groups within the wider movement, and farmers from across the country are already getting involved. Details are circulating in the chats, and you can join in however you feel able.

The fight goes on - in every county, every region, every farm.

Look after each other. Stay connected. Communicate. Synchronise.

And remember: the decisions we are all pushing back against come from Westminster - and the strength to resist them lies with the farming community itself.

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Farmers To Action disbands but tractor rallies roll on



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Farmers To Action (FTA), one of the most visible grassroots groups in the wave of nationwide farming protests, has formally disbanded, announcing that all memberships will be refunded in full.

The decision comes at a critical moment for the agricultural sector, with large-scale tractor demonstrations against the government's family farm tax set to continue across the country and tensions rising over government anti-farming policy.

FTA was set up to unite British farmers, amplify rural frustrations and organise rapid-response action.

In recent months, the group gained prominence for its high-impact protest convoys and its "Trailer of Truth" tours, which gathered farmers' testimonies and delivered them directly to

Westminster and Defra.

See also: [Trailer of Truth protest gears up for Labour conference](#)

The movement also played a supporting role in the increasingly frequent tractor protests that have rolled through cities including Liverpool and London, where thousands of farmers rallied against upcoming tax changes and wider fears over the future of domestic food production.

But in its formal closure statement, FTA said the organisation had become “a distraction from the real fight”, arguing that the mission had outgrown the structure.

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Organisers said the group’s greatest achievement was not the brand itself but the connections it helped forge.

“The farming community connected hundreds of farmers who had never met or spoken before,” the statement read.

“Those connections now exist independently of any organisation, and that is something everyone should be proud of.”

The group said too much energy had recently been diverted into internal administration rather than tackling what it describes as urgent political and economic threats to British farming.

“The focus must now return to action, not administration,” the statement said.

It added that farmers should now channel their efforts directly into national mobilisation rather than organisational administration.

Upcoming events

Two major farmer protest events – a nationwide “[Day of Unity](#)” scheduled for Monday 24 November and [a large-scale tractor rally in London on Budget day](#) (Wednesday 26 November)

co-ordinated by the Berkshire Farmers group – will go ahead as planned, organised by independent networks within the broader farming movement.

Details are circulating through local groups and encrypted chat channels, and participation is already growing, FTA said in its statement.

While FTA's name will disappear, organisers insist the movement it helped galvanise will continue, but no longer confined to a single banner.

Farmers blockade Tesco supermarket depots in surprise raid

Philip Case 12 January 2026



Farmers blockade the Tesco distribution centre at Hinckley © Phil's Farming/Facebook

Farmers have staged early-morning blockades at Tesco supermarket depots across the country today (12 January), halting the movement of food lorries in a dramatic escalation of protests over prices, imports and a tax policy that they say threaten Britain's food security and family farms.

From just after midnight on Sunday, tractors and farm vehicles blocked access to several Tesco distribution centres, including sites in Peterborough, Doncaster and Hinckley.

Loaded lorries were prevented from entering or leaving, while empty vehicles and supermarket staff were allowed through in what organisers described as a targeted, "static blockade" designed to disrupt supply chains without endangering staff.

See also: [Video: Farmers stage midnight blockade of supermarket depots](#)

In Peterborough, tractors were seen displaying slogans such as "Raised right, raised British" and "Labour out", as farmers accused retailers and government policy of pushing domestic food production to the brink.

Police were present at the Hinckley depot as the protest continued into the morning.

The protests are being staged by the same farmers who blockaded supermarket distribution centres in Daventry, Northamptonshire on Sunday 4 January.

Stagnant prices, soaring inputs

Farmers say the action is a response to years of falling real incomes, weak supply chain regulation, and what they describe as a flood of cheaper food imports produced to standards that would be illegal in the UK.

They argue that while supermarket profits have risen, farmgate prices have stagnated, leaving producers unable to cover rising costs.

In an interview with *GB News*, a farmer at the Peterborough blockade described the pressure facing arable farming businesses.

“In 2008, wheat was £170 a tonne. Fertiliser was a few hundred pounds and a 200-horsepower tractor was £50,000,” said Lincolnshire farmer Ed Pritchard.

“In 2026, wheat is still £170 a tonne, fertiliser is well in excess of £400 a tonne, and that same tractor is £150,000. We just can’t carry on like this.”

Protesters are also warning that proposed changes to farm inheritance tax (IHT) risk breaking up family farms and undermining long-term domestic food production.

“This is about protecting the food Britain relies on,” organisers said, arguing that high animal welfare and environmental standards cannot survive if they are undercut by imports produced more cheaply overseas.

Farmers are calling on the government to reverse proposed IHT changes, introduce a fairer and more transparent supply chain to guarantee sustainable prices, and require all imported food sold in the UK to meet the same standards as British produce.

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Farmers being undercut

Philip Weston, a fifth-generation farmer from Hartwell, Northamptonshire, is a spokesman for the group. He took part in the Hinckley depot blockade, which started at about 4am.

He said: "While large supermarkets such as Tesco are importing produce from abroad with products that would otherwise be illegal to grow in the UK, farmers are suffering from an uneven playing field.

"Produce from abroad doesn't meet our standards and is far cheaper to produce as a result. The investment UK farmers have to make simply to comply with standards puts us on the back foot."

He added: "Coupled now with the IHT proposals, there's no real incentive to invest and be able to supply an unrealistic marketplace that doesn't take into account our input and investment costs."

Mr Weston said farmers at the Hinckley blockade were forced to move by police at about 6am. He said farmers then staged a go-slow tractor protest at the site as lorries were leaving the depot.



Tractor protest outside Parliament today (Monday) © FW contributor



Farmers protest outside Parliament today (Monday) © FW contributor

The depot blockades mark the opening phase of a wider campaign.

Farmers gathered in London later in the day for “a reminder protest before the vote”, lobbying MPs ahead of a debate on the Finance Bill, which includes the changes to farm IHT.

Their message, organisers say, is simple: “IHT out. Think food security.”

Last week, the NFU announced an end to its Stop the family farm tax campaign following the government’s announcement before Christmas that it would be increasing the proposed farm IHT threshold from £1m to £2.5m (£5m for married couples or civil partners).

NFU ends tax campaign

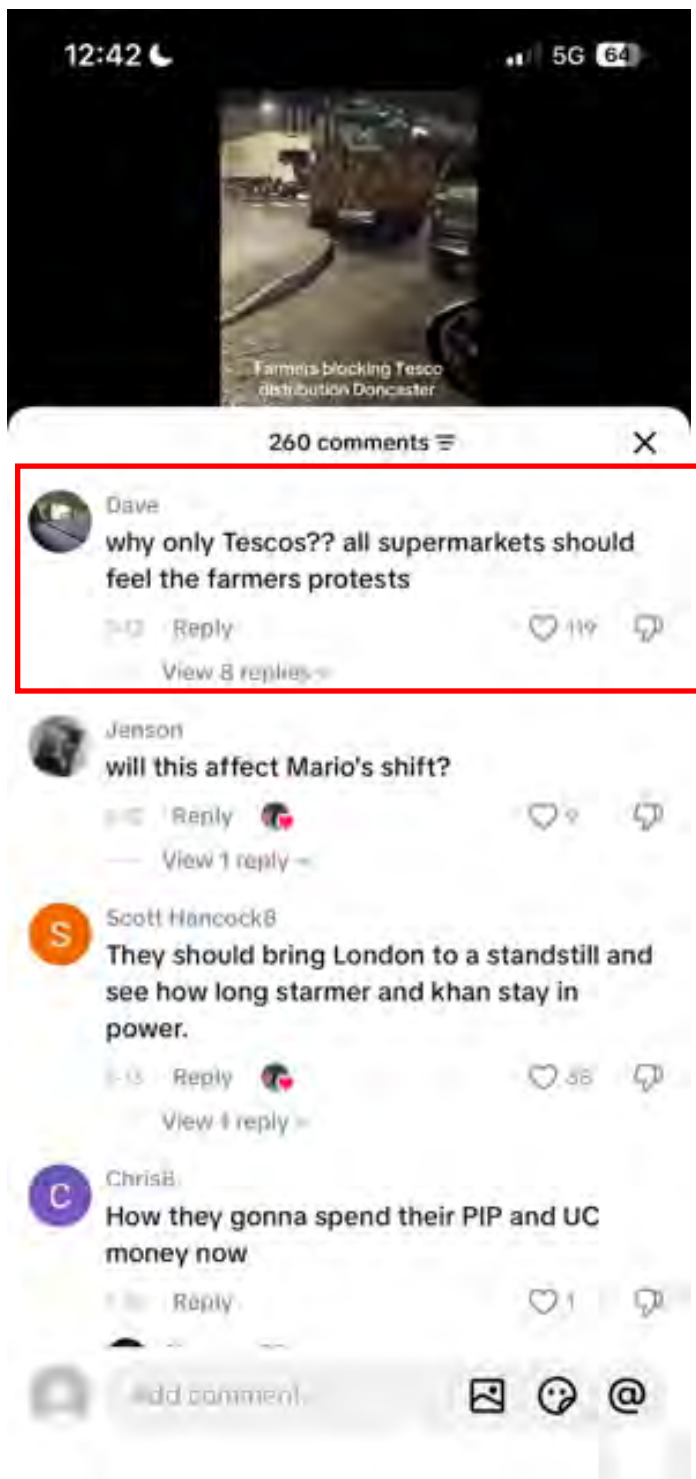
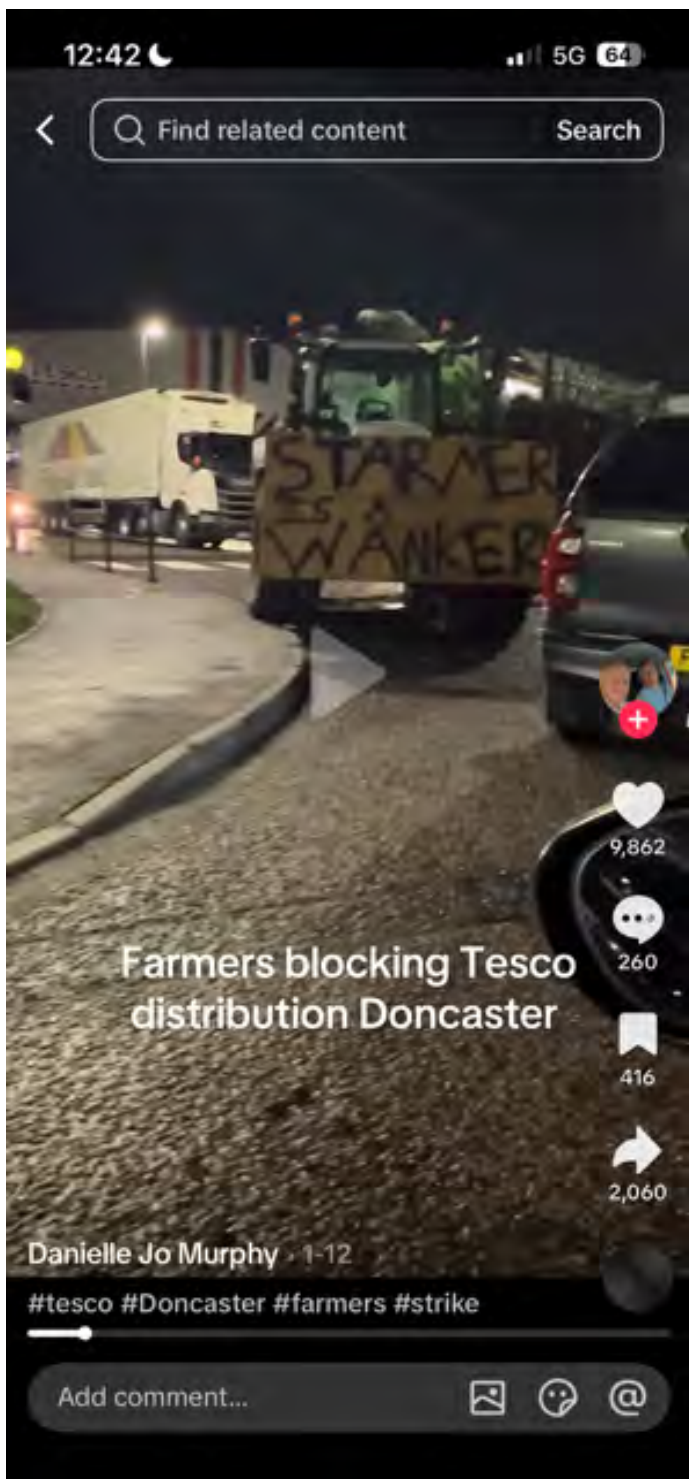
Speaking during a *Farmers Weekly* Question Time event at the Oxford Farming Conference last week, NFU president Tom Bradshaw said: “We recognise that there will still be farming families that are above the threshold, where the ownership may be with one person of an elderly generation and it will still be challenging.

“For them, the changes do mitigate some of the tax liability, but clearly there will still be some tax to be paid.

“What I think we’ve done is get to the best compromise that we could from the government of the day and, once the next political opportunity comes, we will be looking to get further changes to this policy.

“But we really believe that’s when we look to manifestos ahead of the next general election, whenever it comes.”

Tesco has been approached for comment.





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Dartmoor

Jan 12, 2026

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tullah and Jon 2166

Reply

M

morewater
Member

Jan 12, 2026

#462

What bugs me is media reports of Liebour doing farmers a big favour by increasing IHT threshold to £2.5m pp. A policy that should never have been inflicted in the first place and not thoroughly researched before implementation. Naturally the public think farmers are greedy despite being given this 'gift' from the Government! Non farmers have no idea re the cost and services farmers provide. Just who in the farming industry was consulted BEFORE this policy or was it a think tank desk top finger in the air?

Jon 2166 and tullah

Reply

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SO WE MUST HAVE HAD AN EFFECT

It (SEWAGE),,,,,, hasnt taken off for a reason,,,,,,,,,,,,,which we wont go into,,,,,,And yes i would have supported a ban,,,BUT its difficult to push an Elephant up hill

 Punch

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IHT threshold raised as they feared suicides of older farmers this new year if anything, you can be damm sure it had very little to do with tractor protests.

A ban on sewage deliveries hasn't happened because Bradshaw & his supporters benefit from it, no other reason.

Reply

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 #465

The Scottish NFU has called for a ban on sewage sludge deliveries from water companies, threatening to stop spreading sewage sludge on their land in protest at plans to impose inheritance tax on their estates. This move is seen as a symbolic act of defiance against the Labour government's plans to introduce a 20% tax on agricultural assets worth over £1m from April 2026. The NFU has expressed concerns that this tax could lead to a lack of confidence and investment in family farm businesses, which could negatively impact the UK government's efforts to create jobs and growth.

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South Devon

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tullah



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Only ones moaning are the proper labour lefty sort if you look at their profiles

 mixedfmr, Bernardbean, fieldfarmer and 3 others

Reply

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I wish I had your optimism. Particularly if you are going to carry on disrupting people's jobs and food. You are using the public as bait. It could easily backfire. I don't think I could say how many of the 70 million members of the public in this country are for or against from just a few profiles. Some support us, some dislike us, and I would suspect that there is a vast majority that does not care either way at the moment. They have jobs, lives and food to put on the table in tough circumstances. If we make that worse, I know which way I would turn my anger first: it would be against the big shiny tractors blocking the roads and depots. It is a useful weapon, but it can be overused.

 tullah

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I put the question out to Google AI about continuing to block depots and roads:

Continued and widespread disruption of food distribution and roads by farmers is likely to **damage public support** for their cause, despite existing general sympathy for their issues. While blockades generate attention, they risk alienating the public by negatively impacting daily life and essential services.

Potential Outcomes on Public Opinion

- **Initial Sympathy May Erode:** Current polls indicate a high level of public support and trust for farmers (over 50% in some cases) due to awareness

their economic hardships and the essential nature of their work. However, this goodwill is conditional.

- **Inconvenience Causes Resentment:** Blocking roads and causing food shortages directly inconveniences a large portion of the public trying to commute, get to work, or access essential goods. This "major inconvenience on a grand scale" typically makes the general public dislike the protesters and resent their cause, regardless of initial sympathy for their plight.
- **Focus Shifts from Grievances to Disruption:** The media narrative and public conversation would likely shift from the farmers' legitimate grievances (unfair pricing, rising costs, environmental regulations) to the negative impact of the protests themselves (e.g., food panic buying, traffic jams, inability for emergency services to pass).
- **Risk of Negative Media Portrayal:** If the protests are perceived as "militant" or cause significant public harm (e.g., preventing an ambulance, as is a common hypothetical concern), media coverage often turns negative, further eroding support.
- **Political Pressure:** While disruptive tactics are effective at forcing government attention, maintaining public support is key to political success. If public support drops significantly, the government may feel less pressure to concede to demands and more justified in using force to clear blockades.

In essence, farmers walk a "fine line" with protest tactics; while direct action is seen as necessary by some to force change, extensive disruption to food supply lines and daily life would likely result in a net **loss of public support** over time.

I would love to think the only people it would hurt are Starmer and Co, I think it would more than likely be us. Reply



Crosshair6800
Member

Mixed Farmer

Jan 13, 2026

 #470

Ultimately- the public aren't going to go hungry long after they've forgotten about Clarkson and Kaleb....

Food won't suddenly disappear from their shelves any other way....

In the scheme of a food system feeding 70 million people on a 48hr just in time basis- blocking a few depots still isn't **that** disruptive. You may directly affect a few thousand shoppers....

However- the resulting news coverage, behind the scenes phone calls to gov. and eventually panic buying/scaremongering is where you score the points.

The public will happily 'support' you all the way to an early grave.... The goal is to get this labour gov out now. The public overwhelmingly support THAT. And a lot of commentators are talking up a Starmer implosion ASAP..

If you are protesting without causing disruption (even if that just means having a few streets blocked with permission) then are you really 'protesting' at all???

Having been on a charity tractor run that accidentally blocked a Tesco depot when an old John Deere broke down on a critical roundabout: even when you are gridlocking Reading and inconveniencing people- the responses are 99 supp

beeps to 1 "pay your taxes!".

There has never been a better time to push the boundaries....

Meanwhile in France..... they really DGAS about public support now. They're going for ports, airports, toll roads, fuel depots the lot.... and jolly good luck to them 🍊



GOODYSMATE, Brass balls, tullah and 1 other person

Reply

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Protests at super markets or distribution centres only affect a small area & will not worry Starmer as the blame for any shortages or price increases will fall firmly on farmers shoulders & will not bring about a change in policy, Britain is not France with sympathetic police forces & they will never stand for the destruction European farmers are allowed to inflict & apply real pressure to government.

Sooner or later the penny will drop that sewage has always been our only means to an end it's just a shame that those that use the cheap jack rubbish have controlled the way protests have been used & made very sure farmers are led astray!

Reply



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Google AI...

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Plus if you actually read what you posted, then some does not even apply to blocking depots... 🤔

 Humble Village Farmer

[Reply](#)



Vader

Member

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Jan 13, 2026

 #473

Jon 2166 said:

I wish I had your optimism. Particularly if you are going to carry on disrupting people's jobs and food. You are using the public as bait. It could easily backfire. I don't think I could say how many of the 70 million members of the public in this country are for or against from just a few profiles. Some support us, some dislike us, and I would suspect that there is a vast majority that does not care either way at the moment. They have jobs, lives and food to put on the table in tough circumstances. If we make that worse, I know which way I would turn my anger first: it would be against the big shiny tractors blocking the roads and depots. It is a useful weapon

The general hate for starmner will keep support on side.

Anything thsts against him and reeves is good.

People less money in their pocket znd harder to put food on the table now, due to lsbour.

 Bernardbean and Crosshair6800

[Reply](#)

J

Jon 2166

Member

Arable Farmer

South Devon

Jan 13, 2026

 #474

Crosshair6800 said:

Ultimately- the public aren't going to go hungry long after they've forgotten about Clarkson and Kaleb....

Food won't suddenly disappear from their shelves any other way....

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I don't understand? Either the protest won't pee off the public because they are too small and food will not be limited, in which case the government won't care, and they will fail (Starmner may go anyway, but Labour will not until 2029, unfortunately). Or the blockades will have an effect and pee off the public. Make up your minds, please.

France is a different country with a completely different set of dynamics and val...
To be honest, they don't seem to achieve very much either.

I'll just watch all the goodwill we have float down the river. There are better ways to deal with this government without involving the public.

Reply

J

Jon 2166
Member

Arable Farmer

South Devon

Jan 13, 2026

#475

Vader said:

Google AI...

Is that how the NFU decide how to do stuff...?

Plus if you actually read what you posted, then some does not even apply to blocking depots... 😞

You are right. Roads and Depots, not just depots. There have been "go slows" and other road closures. I do not know how the NFU decide to do stuff because I have left them. You carry on and waste the good name we have at the moment. If you become too much of a problem, you will just be arrested anyway.

Reply



Grass And Grain
Member

Mixed Farmer

Yorks

Jan 13, 2026

#476

BrianV said:

IHT threshold raised as they feared suicides of older farmers this new year if anything, you can be damm sure it had very little to do with tractor protests.

A ban on sewage deliveries hasn't happened because Bradshaw & his supporters benefit from it, no other reason.

The recent rule change doesn't really address the elderly and suicide thing. Or at least only for those with smaller farms.

👍 Jon 2166

Reply



Crosshair6800
Member

Mixed Farmer

Jan 13, 2026

#477

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"The Public" are not the sum of a few Karen's moaning on FB or the individual folk caught up in specific direct action....

It's not that hard to understand. Support is anything over 52% 😏
Or about 15-20 to get elected as government 😂😂😂

That makes the other 35,000,000 fair game 😂

 Vader

Reply

M

mixedfmr

Member

Mixed Farmer

yorkshire

Jan 13, 2026

 #478

Vader said:

The general hate for starmer will keep support on side.
Anything thsts against him and reeves is good.
People less money in their pocket znd harder to put food on the table now, due to lsbour.

True,,, the public will suport anyone who opposes this Government
The Treasury came out to say they didnt have the correct figures for the Shop and Pub rates,,,,or to be precise,,,how it would affect the business that would have to pay the tax😏

Sound familiar to the BPR an APR debarcle

They just dont have a clue,,,,,,If they go full term,,, We re going to be in a state

Reply

J

Jon 2166

Member

Arable Farmer

South Devon

Jan 13, 2026

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Don't think I want 35 million enemies and that is your starting point. You really do not know what level of support we have. I don't either. I do know some care, some don't and the majority probably have more important things to worry about. People not getting to their jobs, food disruption, all of them watching shiny expensive tractors making their lives even more miserable. You may have 52% now but you don't keep support by filling them with panic or making lives a misery.you need to have the public behind you to fight this government, not in the middle taking the pain.



B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Jan 15, 2026

#480

Vader said:

Lot of public support for farmers doing the blockades as they hope it will get rid of starmer..

Only ones moaning are the proper labour lefty sort if you look at their profiles

How's those pointless protests progressing, haven't seen much sign of panic in Labour yet?

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Farmers block Lidl site with tractor barricade



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The farmers said they were calling to be better paid for producing food

Danny Fullbrook

Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire

22 January 2026

Farmers have used their tractors to form a barricade blocking access to a Lidl distribution site, to protest about fairer food prices.

About 15 demonstrators gathered outside the retailer's distribution centre in Bedfordshire, near Houghton Regis and junction 11a of the M1.

John Sanderson, a beef and arable farmer, said similar demonstrations were taking place in Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and his home county of Northamptonshire.

Lidl has been contacted for comment.

"What we're getting with the outgoings for fertiliser, fuel and everything else - it just doesn't stack up," Sanderson said.



TONY FISHER/BBC

| Police were called to reports of tractors blocking the Lidl site at 05:30 GMT

Bedfordshire Police said it was called to the site at about 05:30 GMT and was managing traffic that was built up.

Sanderson added that British farmers were required to meet standards higher than those applied to many imported products.

He said he hoped the protests would encourage supermarkets and the government to "get their heads together and find a way of solving this problem, farmers just can't carry on".



LIDL

When the distribution centre in Bedfordshire opened, Lidl said it would serve 150 stores and create up to 1,500 jobs

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said it was "backing British farmers as part of a new era of partnership to create a productive, profitable and sustainable future for farming".

"Our new Farming and Food Partnership Board will bring government, farming and the food industry together to better enable farm businesses to grow, invest and plan for the future," it said.

"This is alongside delivering the largest nature-friendly farming budget in history, protecting farmers in trade deals, making supply chains fairer to help secure the farming sector's future."

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Video: Farmers shut down Lidl depots in price protests

Philip Case 22 January 2026



Farmers protest outside Lidl depot Peterborough © Mark Water

In a fresh wave of direct action, farmers have used tractors to blockade three Lidl distribution centres across England, including sites in Peterborough, Doncaster – close to Lidl’s UK headquarters – and Houghton Regis near Luton.

The protests began just before 5am, with tractors blocking entrances and halting supply chain operations as deliveries were prevented from entering or leaving the sites.

At the Lidl regional distribution centre near Luton, the largest such facility in Europe, 14 tractors lined the entrance/exit access into the site, displaying placards reading “No British farming no food” and “Labour liars”.

See also: [Farmers blockade Tesco supermarket depots in surprise raid](#)



Tesco, ASDA, Morrisons, LIDL, Aldi, Co-op, Sainsburys all backing stopping Rachel Reeves IHT policy.

New posts

Right-arm fast · Jan 22, 2025

<p>R</p> <p>Right-arm fast Member</p> <p></p>	<p>Jan 22, 2025 #1</p> <p>I think that's all the supermarkets now? That's got to now put huge pressure on Rachel from accounts to retract her IHT policy, there's some serious financial muscle in that line up of retailers.</p> <p>Edit: please move if this is in the wrong forum.</p> <p> killie_cowboy, Deereone, Jh.. and 9 others</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reply</p>
<p></p> <p>Grass And Grain Member</p> <p>Mixed Farmer</p> <p>Yorks</p>	<p>Jan 22, 2025 #2</p> <p>It's good news. Puts massive pressure on Reeves and Starmer if supermarkets and food industry warn of food supply concerns from APR changes.</p> <p> killie_cowboy, Hilly, Anymulewilldo and 4 others</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reply</p>
<p>L P</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Arable Farmer</p> <p>Newbury</p>	<p>Jan 22, 2025 #3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Grass And Grain said:</p> <p>It's good news. Puts massive pressure on Reeves and Starmer if supermarkets and food industry warn of food supply concerns from APR changes.</p> </div> <p>Never did they expect any of us to stick our heads above the parapet and just say enough like the French do. They would none of them come forward if we'd have swallowed the end of agriculture.</p> <p> Crosshair6800, Anymulewilldo, crofteress and 4 others</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reply</p>
<p>R</p> <p>Right-arm fast Member</p> <p></p>	<p>Jan 22, 2025 #4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>L P said:</p> <p>Never did they expect any of us to stick our heads above the parapet and just say enough like the French do. They would none of them come forward if we'd have swallowed the end of agriculture.</p> </div> <p>Absolutely. Got to keep going until its overturned though.</p> <p> killie_cowboy, Jaybay, Against_the_grain and 12 others</p>





Grass And Grain

Member

Mixed Farmer

Yorks

Jan 22, 2025

#5

L P said:

Never did they expect any of us to stick our heads above the parapet and just say enough like the French do. They would none of them come forward if we'd have swallowed the end of agriculture.

I totally agree LP.

NFU are sort of claiming a "win", and I'm sure they have been talking to retailers behind closed doors since November, and reputedly retailers have been talking to The Government behind closed doors, but it's since the farmers got grumpy and visited distribution centres and supermarket car parks that the supermarkets have made their views public. It's not a coincidence is it.

Reeves now looking very isolated. Labour have repeatedly said they simply need the cash to pay for public services, and it's just tough you farmers will just have to pay your way.

Different now though. They've got industry experts telling them continuity of food supply is at risks and food security is at risk. Apparently Rachel was an Economist, but she can't claim she knows more about food chains than Tesco.

She's gotten backed into a corner, and looks very irresponsible if she ignores warnings from those who understand the food industry.

killie_cowboy, Jaybay, Deleted user 83634 and 13 others

Reply

C

Charles.
Member

Arable Farmer

Jan 22, 2025

#6

Grass And Grain said:

I totally agree LP.

NFU are sort of claiming a "win", and I'm sure they have been talking to retailers behind closed doors since November, and reputedly retailers have been talking to The Government behind closed doors, but it's since the farmers got grumpy and

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Well if they are backing farmers rather than a PR stunt then I'll be convinced more if the supermarkets tell AIC to accept UK non-farm assured grain that already surpasses negligent imported grain. Also if supermarkets now refuse to buy immoral and illegal coercion into UK farm assured vegetables,fruit,milk,eggs,meat,cereals etc and instead morally and legally allow farmer the choice to join an assurance scheme and demand UK non-farm assured food then my attitude to supermarkets will definitely change and it's no PR stunt to pull punters into their stores.

Brilliant blocking food distribution centres as it obviously has made a difference with court injunction. Strategies need to be employed blocking distribution centres covertly or strategically such Morrisons etc al can't prosecute farmers. This is a serious opportunity for supermarkets to show their full backing to British farmers by rejecting UK farm assured food and demanding UK non-farm assured food to put criminal scumbags Sheasby and Mosely and co on the dole. Failure for supermarkets to impose this agenda against UK farm assured food indicates I'm not convinced it's not a PR stunt.

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killie_cowboy, Jimmy546, Flatland guy and 3 others

Reply

M

MF CI
Member

Jan 22, 2025

#7

Talk about gullible, they only got on your side when you started parking outside the supermarkets.

Deleted user 83634, BooHoo60, delilah and 2 others



M

mixedfmr
Member
Mixed Farmer
yorkshire

Jan 22, 2025

#8

Grass And Grain said:

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NFU tractor day on the 25th, Another chance to get it in the public eye,,,,,,,,,,,, is Stammer in the country

Reeves isnt /wasnt going to get her money from us for the black hole in a hurry though,,,,,,,,,,,,,SOMEONE HAS TO DIE FIRST,,,,,,,,,,,,,bit of a stuttering tax, cant be guarenteed on in anyone year

So basicaly the Bitxx, is vindictive,,,,,,,,,,,,,Maybe we should sent an open letter to Stammer and Reeves, and ask them,,,,,,,,,,,,, " how are you going to avoid your own tax",,,,,,,,,Because they will have plans

It will show how crucked the whole system is,,,,,,,,,,,,,Stammer even got parliament to pass a bill to keep the tax down on his fantastic pension

Reply

F

fieldfarmer
Member
Mixed Farmer

Jan 22, 2025

#9

MF CI said:

Talk about gullible, they only got on your side when you started parking outside the supermarkets.

So you are saying the strategy is working. 👍

👤 killie_cowboy, Jaybay, serf and 3 others

Reply

R

Right-arm fast
Member

Jan 22, 2025

#10

MF CI said:

Talk about gullible, they only got on your side when you started parking outside the supermarkets.

They didnt have show any support, just get an injunction like Morrisons.

👤 Deleted user 83634

Reply

L

Landrover

Jan 22, 2025

#11

I was told it was going to take a while for the full impact of the budget to be realised by businesses, and it's now happening. Hopefully the supermarkets may make a difference. "Amicus meus, inimicus inimici mei"

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R

Right-arm fast
Member

Jan 22, 2025

#12

Landrover said:

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Had to google that bit of Latin. 😊

Landrover

Reply



Landrover
Member

Mixed Farmer

Northumberland

Jan 22, 2025

#13

Right-arm fast said:

Had to google that bit of Latin. 😊

I'm still not overly convinced they are our friends tho !

Nearly, Flatland guy, captain useless and 4 others

Reply



Charles.
Member

Arable Farmer

Jan 22, 2025

#14

Not only inheritance tax, this is also an opportunity for supermarkets to show their backing to British farmers by morally and legally demanding UK non-farm assured vegetables,fruit,meat,cereals,milk etc. instead of immorally and illegally demanding UK farm assured food. The supermarkets to show their support to the British farmer by demanding farmers must have the moral and legal right to have choice to join a farm assurance scheme OR NOT. Then I will be convinced it's not a PR stunt to pull in punters to their stores and to calm farmers blocking distribution centres which is obviously an excellent strategy given the court injunction.

Green grower, Same95, captain useless and 2 others

Reply



Charles.
Member

Arable Farmer

Jan 22, 2025

#15

Covertly and strategically blocking distribution centres in a way such farmers can't be prosecuted is the way to go if this evil tyranny of inheritance tax and the evil tyranny of immoral and illegal forcing farmers into a parasitic farm assurance scheme which equates to ever declining farm income and ever increasing farm workload for the vast majority continues.

Last edited: Jan 22, 2025

MrNoo, Humble Village Farmer and Right-arm fast

Reply



lloyd

Member

Herefordshire

Jan 22, 2025

#16

The proverb "The enemy of my enemy is my friend" springs to mind here.

Steevo, Pieces_of_Eight, Old apprentice and 2 others

Reply



Chae1

Member

Aberdeenshire

Jan 22, 2025

#17

They better watch, she doesn't start taxing them.

Hilly

Reply



lloyd

Member

Herefordshire

Jan 22, 2025

#18

Chae1 said:

They better watch, she doesn't start taxing them.

She wouldn't dare do that they control the supply of food for most of the UK.They have too much power .

 Humble Village Farmer

Reply

P

PeterPrestbury
Member
Mixed Farmer
England

Jan 22, 2025

#19

Chae1 said:

They better watch, she doesn't start taxing them.

Labour are massively increasing the tax on supermarkets already via the higher NI % but also lowering the NI threshold to start from £5k.

 killie_cowboy, Hilly, Humble Village Farmer and 1 other person

Reply

R

Right-arm fast
Member

Jan 22, 2025

#20

lloyd said:

The proverb "The enemy of my enemy is my friend" springs to mind here.

Please see post no11 for the Latin translation!! 👍

 lloyd

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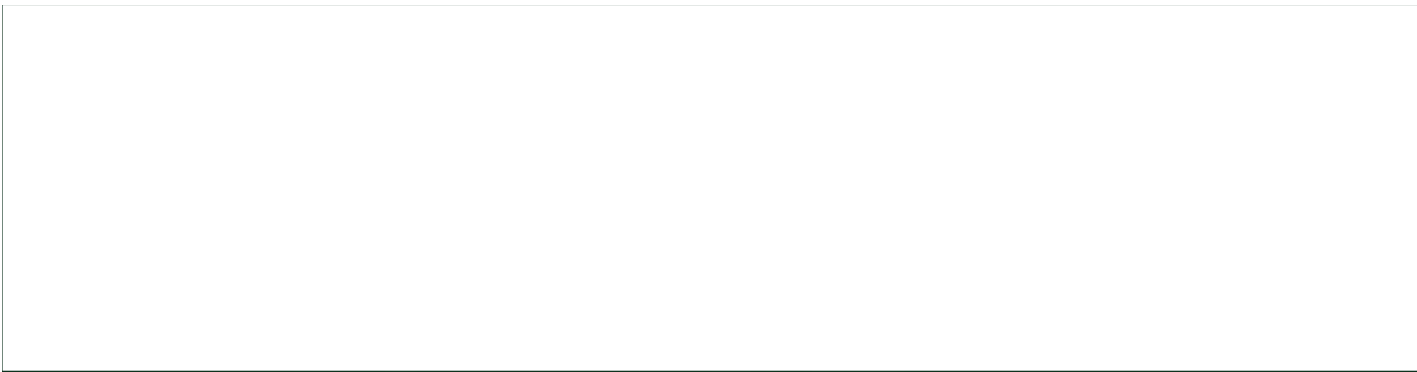




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Frustrated farmers target ports in fresh protests

Philip Case 23 January 2026



Protest at Felixstowe © Spencer Campbell

Farmers have staged tractor overnight protests at Felixstowe and Avonmouth ports, as part of a co-ordinated wave of demonstrations that is also targeting supermarket distribution centres.

Organisers say the aim of the protests was to raise public awareness of government free trade deals which are facilitating cheap food imports at lower production costs and inferior food standards to those of UK farmers.

This is putting national food security in jeopardy at a time when the world is increasingly unstable, they warn.

Farmers are campaigning for fairer farmgate prices which take into consideration increased costs, which have in many cases doubled or even tripled in some sectors in the past few years.

See also: [Video: Farmers shut down Lidl depots in p...](#)



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glow worm
Member
cornwall

Jan 23, 2026

#1

Apologies if there is already a thread about this elsewhere that I've missed , but first, all praise to everyone giving up their time and risking police action with the blockades on behalf of all of us who cannot be there. Thank you. But what do we need to do to get main stream news channels to report it? Apart from GB news, it dosent appear to be reported anywhere else apart from on here and other similar outlets. I've seen pictures of notices in Tesco apologising to customers for the empty shelves due to farmer protests but if thats all the info that the general public get to see , how can they ever understand the potential danger of food supply. Even my best non farming friends told me that on Farming Today they had heard how well all the farming sectars, apart from dairy, are doing. I'm sure the arable, pig, chicken farmers would not agree but why is nfu !!! or someone not getting more facts out onto non farming outlets?

GOODYSMATE

Reply



Clive
Staff Member
Moderator
Lichfield

Jan 23, 2026

#2

you have to build a relationship with the media and give them what they want
they need notice they can plan and exclusives keep them keen
you also need to know when not to bother them and they are likely to run your story..... for example this week nothing had a chance of making much news that was outside of Davos, and that was easy to predict
frankly the media feel this is all covered now so unless something different happens their interest will be hard to get
sadly that probably involves a significant escalation of the kind of action going on or real consequences like significant empty shelves or i hate to say it arrests or french style disruption
probably not what you want i hear but having spent 18 months deep in that world now i think i understand it well and have great relationship and networks of MSM journalists all keen to talk on speed dial but only for something different and on that right day when trump isn't boasting or the new pope is being chosen etc !
If you want my help i will do what i can but i'm not really in the loop in the direct action stuff

borderterribles and farmerm

Reply



glow worm
Member
cornwall

Jan 24, 2026

#3

Clive said:

you have to build a relationship with the media and give them what they want
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Frustrating isn't it!

Clive

Reply



tullah
Member

Arable Farmer

Linconshire

Jan 24, 2026

#4

Banning sewage sludge would have their full attention for the three weeks it would take to sort out IHT and farm prices.

Punch, farmerm, BrianV and 4 others

Reply



Mwf
Member

Mixed Farmer

Herefordshire

Feb 2, 2026

#5

Clive said:

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This

Reply

B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Feb 2, 2026

#6

Mwf said:

This

You haven't a bloody clue!!

Clive

Reply



Mwf
Member

Mixed Farmer

Herefordshire

Feb 2, 2026

#7

BrianV said:

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Of course.

We should be messing with sewage cake.

My mistake.

borderterribles, yellowbelly, HartslandHaylage and 2 others

Reply

B

BrianV

Feb 2, 2026

#8

Mwf said:



Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

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Reply



Mwf

Member

Mixed Farmer

Herefordshire

Feb 2, 2026

#9

BrianV said:

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Go for it Brian.

You have talked about it for long enough now. I have not seen much action yet.

As for media attention, I dont think we have done badly. Just my opinion of course.

Punch, Sam Partridge, Rnold and 3 others

Reply

M

mwj

Member

Illinois USA

Feb 2, 2026

#10

I would be very careful telling your customers that there food comes from contaminated soil. They will remember what you said even if you try to walk it back.

Hilly, farmer, serf and 2 others

Reply

D

delilah

Member

Feb 2, 2026

#11

Have read the first two posts. Confused. What are we talking about getting publicity for ?

Reply



Clive

Staff Member

Moderator

Lichfield

Feb 2, 2026

#12

BrianV said:

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did someone not tell you the threshold had got lifted ? and spousal allowance added ?

overall we got from 1 million to 5. not ideal, we we're asking for more, but better than a kick in the teeth i think

several of us also now have a significant input to future government ag policy something that has very clearly been missing historically

do seriously you think for a moment that would have happened if we had just sat around howling at the moon ab sewage on a forum ?

making change involves getting off your ass and actually doing something

Last edited: Feb 2, 2026

Punch, Sam Partridge, s~~t shoveller and 8 others

Reply



Derky
Member
Bucks/oxon

Feb 2, 2026

#13

Brian. Have you started the campaign yet ? No of course not you just moan on here. The protests have done alot of good. After last week we have meetings with supermarkets this week.

s~~t shoveller, Storeman, stev and 5 others

Reply

F

Fendt516profi
Member
Livestock Farmer
Yorkshire

Feb 2, 2026

#14

Clive said:

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le bon paysan

Reply

B

BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Feb 2, 2026

#15

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Reply



Clive
Staff Member
Moderator
Lichfield

Feb 2, 2026

#16

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not the case

the 2.5 is transferable between spouses even if they are already deceased

so the full 5 is available to anyone married

2.5 mil if you are single

Speak to an accountant

Reply



Clive

Staff Member

Moderator

Lichfield

Feb 2, 2026

#17

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what we got was a f&k site more than you did by talking to yourself online

thank you and good night 🙌

👍 Punch, Bernardbean, Storeman and 4 others

Reply

B

BrianV

Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Feb 2, 2026

#18

Derky said:

Brian. Have you started the campaign yet? No of course not you just moan on here. The protests have done a lot of good. After last week we have meetings with supermarkets this week.

To achieve what exactly, supermarkets always promise to pay more & then put their prices up but in truth to no benefit to the farmers, all farmers get is the blame for rising food prices!

👍 le bon paysan

Reply

B

BrianV

Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Feb 2, 2026

#19

Clive said:

not the case

the 2.5 is transferable between spouses even if they are already deceased

Click to expand...

It's only available if a deceased spouse hasn't used an IHT/BPR allowance already on their passing if they have then as I understand it it's £2.5m max for the remaining spouse or single farmer.

Reply

F

Fendt516profi

Member

Livestock Farmer

Yorkshire

Feb 2, 2026

#20

Clive said:

not the case

the 2.5 is transferable between spouses even if they are already deceased

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No need to speak to a accountant I'm going to inherit off a single divorced uncle and can only get 2.5 just like before I would only get 1.
So you have got it increased from 3 to 5 million

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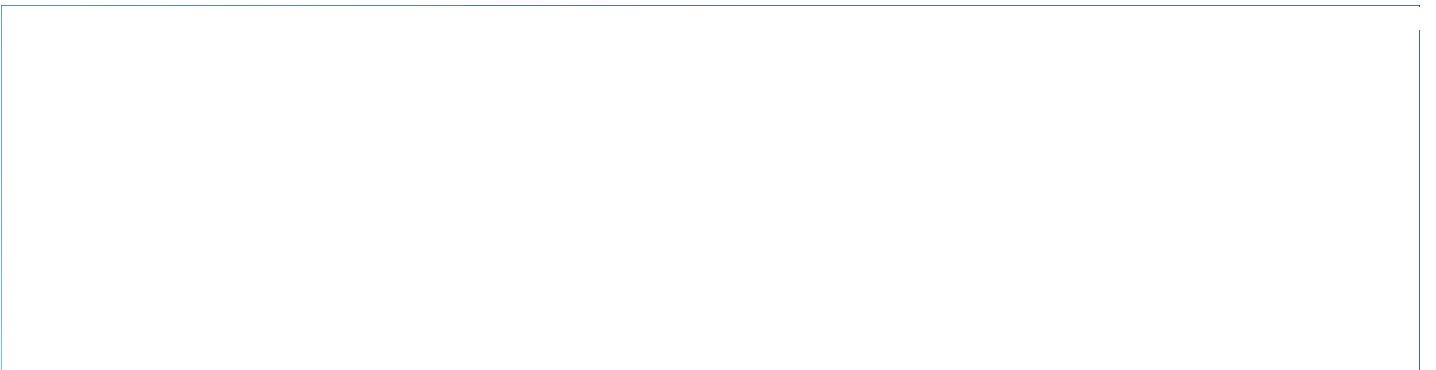


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 **BREAKING:** UK farmers are now blockading major supermarket depots nationwide, demanding fair prices for their produce.

More tractor convoys are mobilising blockades to prevent lorries entering depots nationwide.

British farmers have had enough. They are fighting back. 🇬🇧



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Silent Majority Rising @BullByFat... · 5d

Finally, farmers are standing up for themselves.

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Tractor convoys aren't just protest — they're a wake-up call to the supermarkets and government alike.

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Sally @ReformUK → @GBNEWS · 5d

Supermarkets have had it their way for far too long. Exploiting those that can't fight back.

Well they are fighting back now! @TESCO

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Benjamin Steele @Benn Bullish · 5d



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Is the message finally getting through ?

New posts

D. Ian Kidson · Sunday at 9:05 PM



D. Ian Kidson
Member



Arable Farmer

M62-M1-M18
triangle

Sunday at 9:05 PM

#1

The looming risk of food shortages and anarchy in the UK

1/ https://www.theguardian.com/comment...er-trust-markets-alone?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

2/ <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/news/content/ar-AA1UWmsG?ocid=sapphireappshare>

Last edited: Sunday at 10:19 PM

Farmer_Joe and Clive

Reply

S

Selou
Member

Arable Farmer

Sunday at 11:33 PM

#2

D. Ian Kidson said:

The looming risk of food shortages and anarchy in the UK

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2/ <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/news/content/ar-AA1UWmsG?ocid=sapphireappshare>

I must look up how much self sufficiency we can manage in UK with current diets. You are a regular visitor and patron at Sheffield Wholesale market how much of the imported produce is to satisfy a demand that would not be met from UK regardless of these sorts of articles and a government policy unless enforced dietary change. For example our household now consumes as much Sweet Potato as Ordinary Potato as my wife prefers it. We eat Rice and Pasta. In my work last Friday I was in the office of a business that grows Brassica Vegetable and Spinach supplying all year thus a considerable proportion is imported from Southern Europe and occasionally further afield.

mwj

Reply

A

anzani
Member

Sunday at 11:39 PM

#3



1 MIN AGO: STARMER BREAKS Farmers FORCE Store Clos...

Reply



#4



D. Ian Kidson
Member
Arable Farmer
M62-M1-M18
triangle

It can't be just about the IHT -

It has to be about unsustainable prices and impotence in the face of imports produced to lower standards than are allowed in the UK.
(Not all imports)

But, when Starmer backs down on IHT he is truly showing his weakness and we know where to hit him next
When in a hole do you keep digging ??

Bumble Bee, Clive, farmerm and 2 others

Reply

D

devonbeef
Member
Livestock Farmer
Devon UK

Monday at 11:02 AM

#5

Selou said:

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in a way that is not the point, because if the sh!t hits the fan so to speak, people might not be able to eat the diet they have become accustomed to , and the ability to feed ourselves with what we CAN grow is what we will eat and have to eat in that scenario .IF you have destroyed farmland , supply chains ,and the will of those that can produce that, you are somewhat in a problem . What is the norm now does not mean it CAN be the norm going forward ,the world overall is rather unstable i would say at present with little prospect looking forward to it getting much different,sadly said

Skimmer, borderterribles and anzani

Reply

B

BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Monday at 11:55 AM

#6

All these protests are a waste of time, farmers are now protesting against so many different things there's not a hope in hell of it achieving anything, is it now a protest against IHT or is it SFI or is it equal rules & regs or is it fairer subs or is it imports or is it prices that are controlled by supply & demand.

It has become a complete farce & a waste of effort!

nonemouse and tullah

Reply



AGN76
Member
north Wales

Monday at 3:07 PM

#7

Wtf is a dee-po?

Tonka

Reply



Derky

Monday at 7:51 PM

#8

BrianV said:

Member
Bucks/oxon

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Brian, have you started this campaign yet ? If not stop whining and do it.

AndersonAgri, J 1177, Storeman and 3 others

Reply



principal skinner
Member
Arable Farmer
Bedfordshire

Monday at 7:58 PM

#9

Derky said:

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Nah, he's all fur coat and no knickers

AndersonAgri, Storeman, stev and 1 other person

Reply

B

BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Monday at 8:02 PM

#10

Derky said:

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How's those tractor protests going, achieved anything yet? As I keep repeating to get a sewage embargo to work you have to get Bradshaw to announce it & that can only be achieved by either pressure from NFU members or protests outside NFU headquarters, It's not really my problem but IHT changes are for people I know so I'll keep on pushing!

tullah

Reply

F

fieldfarmer
Member
Mixed Farmer

Monday at 8:51 PM

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AndersonAgri, J 1177, Storeman and 3 others

Reply

B

BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Monday at 8:57 PM

#12

fieldfarmer said:

How about pushing it without all the snide comments about what other people are actually doing.

I've been pushing it before the IHT changes were formally announced in Nov 24 & as I keep repeating if a fraction of the time wasted on tractor protests was put into getting a sewage embargo in place we might actually achieve something, you keep on with these wasted tractor protests & the changes will be on the statute books before you know it!



Farmers threaten sewage strikes - Bing

Intelligent search from Bing makes it easier to quickly find what you're looking for and rewards you.

www.bing.com

tullah



Reply



Jerry
Member
Mixed Farmer
Devon

Monday at 9:02 PM

#13

BrianV said:

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So you keep pushing...and achieved zero....who you pushing?

AndersonAgri, Storeman, Hfd Cattle and 1 other person

Reply



BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Monday at 9:10 PM

#14

Jerry said:

So you keep pushing...and achieved zero....who you pushing?

In the main I'm pushing NFU members, after that farmers that are prepared to put their time & effort by protesting in a way that really achieves something for them rather than doing it & just being totally ignored by Starmer!

tullah

Reply



tullah
Member
Arable Farmer
Linconshire

Monday at 9:20 PM

#15

Yes it's the obvious way to go.

Farm IHT would be gone in three weeks. There's nowhere to dispose of the stuff on the quiet, no bussing it around at 3 a.m. around the countryside either. Whole country would be behind us . It's the environmentalists that Starmer is most frightened of.

It's there for the taking to save our farms.

Barleymow, Walton2 and BrianV

Reply



lloyd
Member
Herefordshire

Monday at 10:22 PM

#16

BrianV said:

In the main I'm pushing NFU members, after that farmers that are prepared to put their time & effort by protesting in a way that really achieves something for them rather than doing it & just being totally ignored by Starmer!

So did you mention it to any reporters in Davos?

stev and Hfd Cattle

Reply



BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

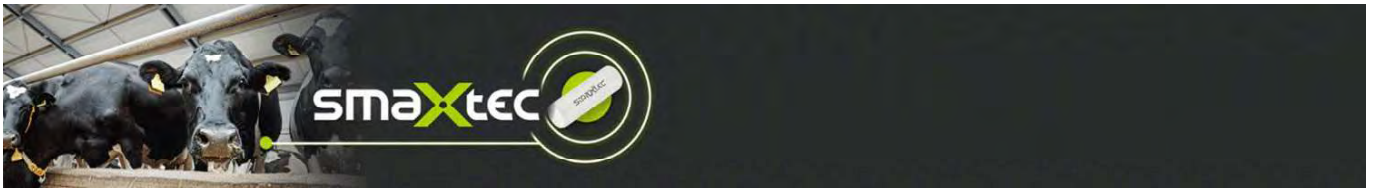
Monday at 10:57 PM

#17

lloyd said:

So did you mention it to any reporters in Davos?

What can you say, UK farmers prefer to parade around in their tractors rather than actually pressure the government seen as a bit of a sad joke over here.



FARMERS' VOICE

Farmers to stage national supermarket protest later this week

27th January 2026

Author: Aleksandra Cupriak

British farmers are set to launch a nationwide protest this Thursday, 29th January, at supermarkets across the country.

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Farmers rally in London on Budget day.

farmers will distribute flyers at store exits. On the launch day of the protest, a letter will be sent to Tesco and 10 other major supermarkets by email and registered post.

Organisers said the main aim is to “keep the press boiling” after every Thursday action through to 1 March, while they await responses from the retailers.

“UK family farmers are at breaking point. This IHT campaign challenges major supermarkets and the government to end policies and practices that are destroying family farms, food security, and rural livelihoods.

“Family farmers feed this country. It’s time they were paid properly, treated with dignity, and protected for the future,” they added.



The letter

A formal letter from Farmers For Action, supported by farm organisations across the UK and beyond, demanding clear yes/no responses to the campaign’s requests.

The FFA is calling on retailers to use their influence to lobby the government on four critical issues: ending the “crippling” farm inheritance tax; introducing a UK-wide Farm Welfare Bill to ensure family farmers are paid at least the true, inflation-linked cost of production plus a fair margin; ending the practice of “food swapping” (for example, importing lamb when the UK is self-sufficient); and ending the practice of “substandard” food – specifically citing Brazilian beef and misleading food labelling.



True or false?

New posts

glow worm · Jan 30, 2026 · flooding floods sewage starmer



glow worm
Member

cornwall

Jan 30, 2026

#1

Are the reports of major farmer blockades at supermarket distribution centres and key ports true or false? I keep getting pictures on Facebook etc of massive tractor etc turnouts but see nothing about this anywhere else or even on here, so is it just Ai?

Reply



Grass And Grain
Member
Mixed Farmer
Yorks

Jan 30, 2026

#2

glow worm said:

Are the reports of major farmer blockades at supermarket distribution centres and key ports true or false? I keep getting pictures on Facebook etc of massive tractor etc turnouts but see nothing about this anywhere else or even on here, so is it just Ai?

True as far as I can tell. As you say, not being reported. Not sure if that's because the protestors haven't notified the media, or is it because the media all went home at 5pm and the protests were over night? Or are the media deliberately not reporting it? Been told to not report it?

matthew, Levelsman and nonemouse

Reply

B

Bernardbean
Member

Jan 30, 2026

#3

True, last night Lutterworth...

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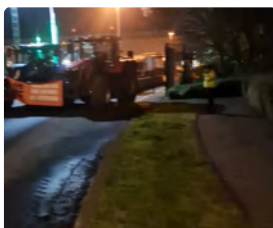
Bernardbean
Member

Jan 30, 2026

#4

True....

Attachments



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GOODYSMATE



Reply

A

anzani
Member

Jan 31, 2026

#5

glow worm said:

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Protesting farmers block roads at Asda depots in Leicestershire

Asda says it offers a wide range of British products across its stores.

www.bbc.co.uk



Protesting farmers block Port of Felixstowe with tractors

The group protests against cheap imports and inheritance tax changes.

www.bbc.co.uk

GOODYSMATE and Bernardbean

Reply

B

Barleymow
Member

Mixed Farmer

Ipswich

Jan 31, 2026

#6

They are happening but mainstream media aren't reporting them

thorpe, GOODYSMATE and Hay Maker

Reply

B

Bolts formerly
nails
Member

Livestock Farmer

Jan 31, 2026

#7

Yes it is true but the media have not been reporting on the blockades. Makes you think people are being manipulated. Well actually they are.

Jaybay, fieldfarmer, thorpe and 2 others

Reply



matthew
Member
Cornwall, SW
England

Jan 31, 2026

#8

Barleymow said:

They are happening but mainstream media aren't reporting them

Too busy with Starmer's sunglasses.

Canada Farmer

Reply



glow worm
Member
cornwall

Jan 31, 2026

#9

Thanks for the info and thanks to those taking part. Also, in all the reporting of the damage done during the recent storms and flooding, devastating as it was to all those effected, did anyone see how it also effected farmers and stock? Also no reports of the devastating loss of stock in the recent floods & fires in Queensland. I was brought up to believe that the BBC could always be trusted to give inpartial and true reporting. When & why did it all change. Surely the port blockades by usually compliant farmers deserved a bit of general media coverage.

slackjawedyokel, borderterribles, matthew and 2 others

Reply



Canada Farmer
Member

Feb 1, 2026

#10

matthew said:

Too busy with Starmer's sunglasses.

Eh??? 😏 I'm guessing that's a metaphor and not because their where the sun doesn't shine....

Reply



matthew
Member
Cornwall, SW
England

Feb 1, 2026

#11

Canada Farmer said:

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There was a report - if you can call it that - of Starmer mimicing Macron's shades in Davos, with both attempting the Tom Cruise Topgun look.

👍 Canada Farmer

Reply

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anzani
Member

Feb 1, 2026

#12

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Bet they were 'rose tinted' !

👍 matthew

Reply

B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Feb 1, 2026

#13

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👍👍 czechmate, neilo and tullah

Reply

S

Selou
Member

Arable Farmer

Feb 1, 2026

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B

BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Feb 1, 2026

Reply

#15

Selou said:

Have you stopped taking Sewage Sludge onto your farm Brian?

Yea about 10 years ago.

Reply

R

Raider123
Member
Livestock Farmer

Feb 1, 2026

#16

It's true but there are several Facebook sites that are a bit suspect even though they have lots of comments. Made up using old photos, one even had a photo of French tractors!

Reply



Wolds Beef
Member

Feb 2, 2026

#17

Report has appeared saying some supermarkets are closing because they can not get supplies. Is this AI or is it true? Are the blockades working? You have to be sceptical of everything now.
WB

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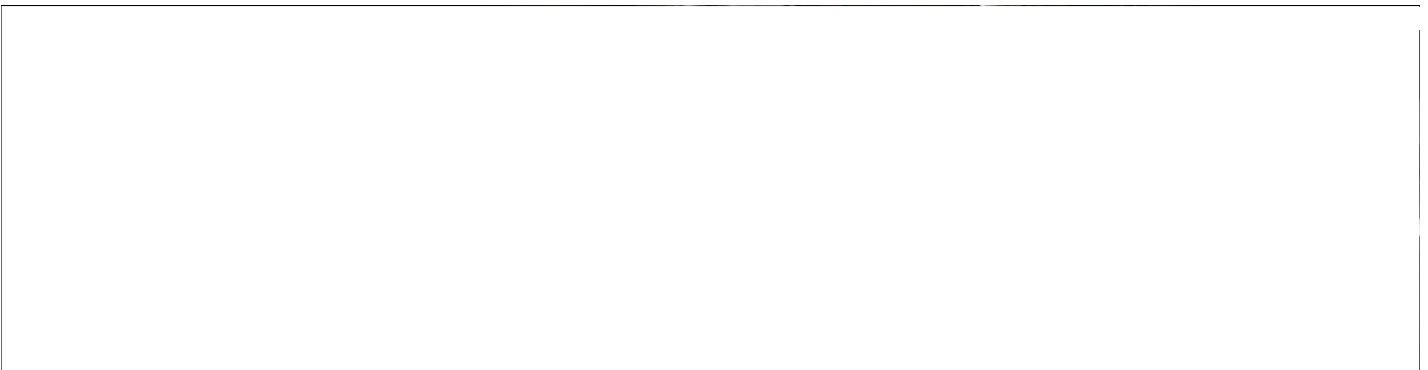
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Farmers stage blockades outside supermarket depots



PHILIP WESTON

Farmers outside the Sainsbury's Swan Valley warehouse in Northampton on Friday morning.

James Grant

Northamptonshire

6 February 2026

Farmers have staged blockades outside supermarket distribution centres in protest over rising costs and concerns about foreign food imports.

The demonstration saw farmers park outside two Sainsbury's depots in Northampton on Friday morning.

A Sainsbury's spokesperson said: "A group of farmers carried out protests at our Northampton and Pineham depots earlier today, and we have worked hard to minimise the impact of this action on our customers."

Philip Weston, a farmer from Hartwell, Northamptonshire, **who has been involved in weekly blockades** this year, previously said the protests were intended to "bring about a realisation that trade deals don't take into account British farmers".

The Sainsbury's spokesperson said: "We work with 18,000 farmers across the country – selling hundreds of 100% British products in store – and offer both long-term partnerships and cost of production models to support a fair, resilient and sustainable UK agriculture sector."

A Defra spokesperson added: "We're backing British farmers as part of a new era of partnership to create a productive, profitable and sustainable future for farming.

"More than half of farmers are in our farming schemes, benefiting from £11.8bn across this Parliament."

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Well done you farmers for standing firm and not giving up the fight. We need you to provide food and keep the country going 100 per cent

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Gregory Ohagan

Keep it up farmers we are proud of you

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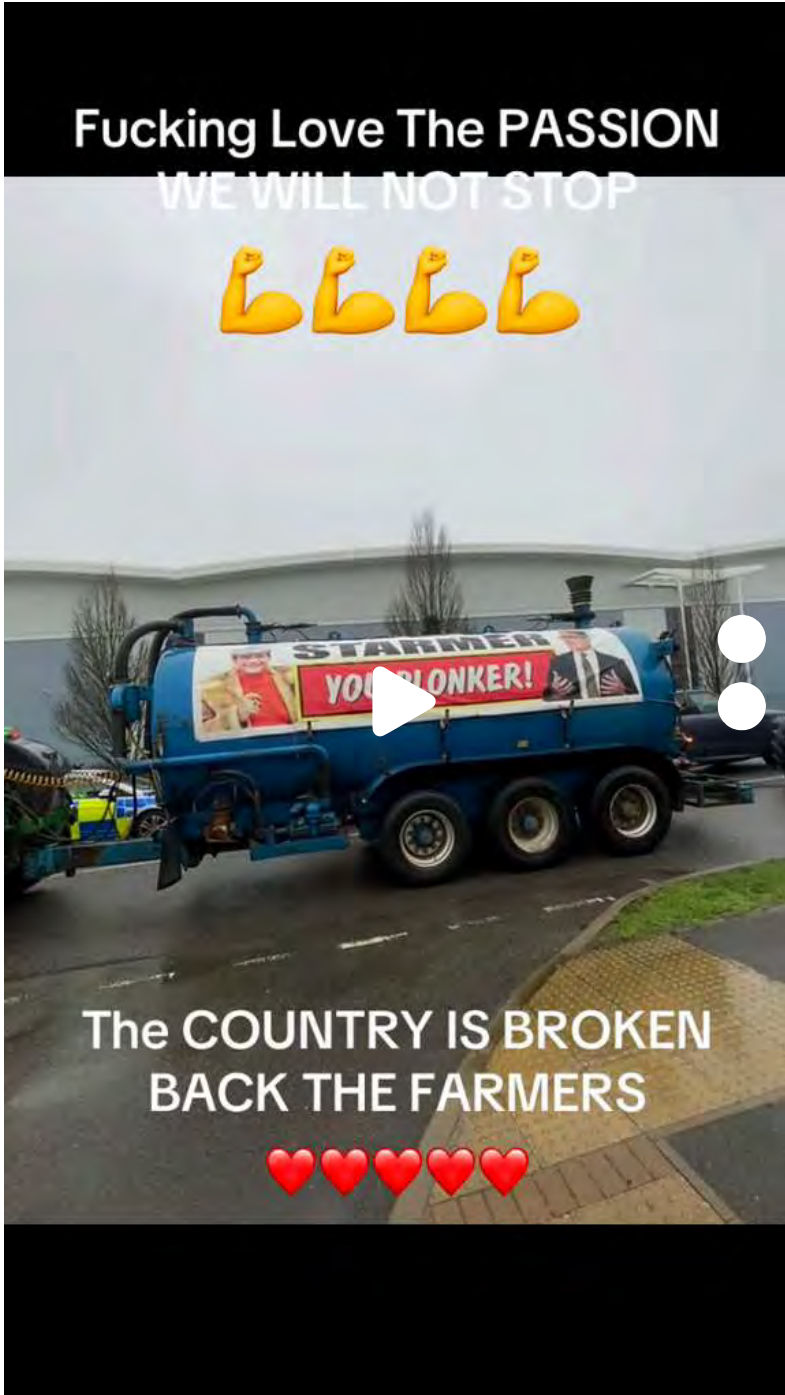
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malc

I will back than all the way keep it going 🙏🙏

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- 3c ago Reply

♡ 1
- Diane

Well done all farmers fighting for your rights and giving a kick to the supermarkets who make billions off us whilst paying you lot a pittance

6d ago Reply

♡ 2
- everything_youngceo

We will not stop 🇬🇧

6d ago Reply

♡ 11
- Robert James Bowyer

all the way guys all the way

4d ago Reply

...
♡ 1
- dodgy todgy

with the farmers all the way 🍌 stick it to em

6d ago Reply

♡ 4
- user9987749245709

Well done to the farmer's for sticking up for there rights, I am with you 🇬🇧.

3c ago Reply

♡ 1
- sweetheart

Morrisons limited salad and veg and empty shelves today. Keep going I support you all.

5d ago Reply

♡ 1
- Marilyn Price

keep fighting boys ❤️❤️❤️

5d ago Reply

♡ 3
- Blockie

Excellent .. smash starmer

4d ago Reply

♡ 1
- Angie Hendrie

well done farmers

4d ago Reply

♡ 4
- BigM

united we support our farmers 100% God bless you allamen

6d ago Reply

♡ 8
- keith53

Well done boys and girl men and women Farmer love you all

6d ago Reply

♡ 2
- kaz

farmers backbone this country not parliament

5d ago Reply

♡ 2
- shaly

We are all behind our farmers. Lots buying directly 🍌🍌🍌 and will control do so. Sod the supermarkets!!!

5d ago Reply

♡ 3
- Pennyandthegiltz

🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌 Proud off you

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- Well said, so very true
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Support the farmers all the way.
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Well done again farmers
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Farmers
- Margaret Holmes
Good on you
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11h ago Reply
- cal221
well done farmers support you all the way
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the country is broken back the farmers the farmers food is better than our country

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Business

'I spoke to angry farmers who caused chaos at a Sainsbury's distribution centre in Northampton today – here's what they told me'



By Logan MacLeod

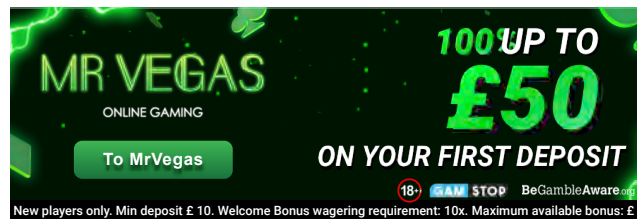
Chief Reporter



Published 6th Feb 2026, 13:11 GMT

Updated 9th Feb 2026, 10:43 GMT

Farmers block off Sainsbury's distribution centre at Prologis Park, Pineham



I spoke to angry farmers who caused chaos at a Sainsbury's distribution centre in Northampton today – here's what they told me...



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Tractors blocked off the Sainsbury's distribution centre at Prologis Park, Pineham, Northampton, from 5am this morning until the afternoon, causing

widespread disruption as dozens of lorries were unable to make deliveries.

The area was chaotic when *Chronicle & Echo* visited, with traffic at a standstill and farmers determined to make their voices heard. **Police** were called to the scene to manage the situation.

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Describing the situation to *this newspaper*, Phil ,a fifth-generation **Northamptonshire** farmer, said: “So we've got around about eight tractors here at the entranceway into **Sainsbury's**. We've got another eight around the exit. So we've got Sainsbury's truly locked off at the minute.

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Tractors blocked off the Sainsbury's distribution centre at Prologis Park, Pineham, Northampton, from 5am this morning until the afternoon, causing widespread disruption as dozens of lorries were unable to make deliveries.

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"Today we've been asked by the police, how can we de-escalate this situation? Well, we need somebody from Sainsbury's high up to come on social media and put a post on there giving us our assurances. "We need better pay for what we're doing and we need to cut out the amount of food we're importing. Back British Farming. That's all I can say."

He continued: "We were here, funnily enough, January 10, last year, doing a similar job with Morrisons. Then we had a lot of the supermarkets come out in support of us, but as it turned out it was empty words. They haven't kept to those promises, they actually haven't changed anything since the last time we were here.

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"Sainsbury's, Tesco's, all the other major supermarkets are making the most of those trade deals and they're using it as an opportunity to buy in cheap and still sell on expensive. British farming will be finished. We simply can't compete.

Will, a North Bucks farmer, said: "We're here basically to say to all supermarkets, we've been targeting them now for about five weeks, to basically say we need fair pricing, fair pricing for farmers."

"We are under so many regulations in this country that we have to abide by. All of those come at costs. We've got our own government that are actually putting a fertiliser tax on us this April, which is going to increase our input costs even further. A lot of chemicals have gone up exponentially over the last couple of

years, so not necessarily a Labour problem but are still continuing to increase, so this current government aren't doing anything about it either.”

He added: “Why are we producing food that is heavily regulated and paying for the privilege whilst this government and supermarkets are importing food which isn't grown at the same standards and are undercutting us? They're literally trying to kill off their own farmers in this country at the minute by what they're doing.

"At the end of the day, the quality of the food that they're supplying into this country is not helping anybody. I don't think half of the general public realise what they're eating.”

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Also speaking to *this newspaper*, Will, a North Bucks farmer, added: "We're here basically to say to all supermarkets, we've been targeting them now for about five weeks, to basically say we need fair pricing, fair pricing for farmers. Farmers are getting absolutely screwed into the ground at the moment. We're getting a lot of cheap imports coming in, supermarkets are monopolising on that, monopolising on trade deals that essentially the government is making, and it's just completely undercutting UK farmers.

"We've spread the protest across all supermarkets, because essentially they're all as bad as one another. We want to try and get some meetings. We want to get meetings with the top CEOs of all supermarkets, get them round the table and start talking about fair pricing. If it can't go on, we're going to end up losing our farmers in the UK that cannot compete with the rest of the world."

A Northamptonshire Police spokesperson said: "There has been some traffic disruption which has been managed by police officers at the scene, but the farmers have been engaging with us and the protest has so far passed peacefully."

A Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) spokesperson said: "This government is working in partnership with farmers, and ensuring fairness in supply chains is essential. That's why we've introduced the e fair and transparent contracts.

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Furious farmers demand change as they descend on London in tractors

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By **Toby Codd**, **Alycia McNamara**, News Reporter

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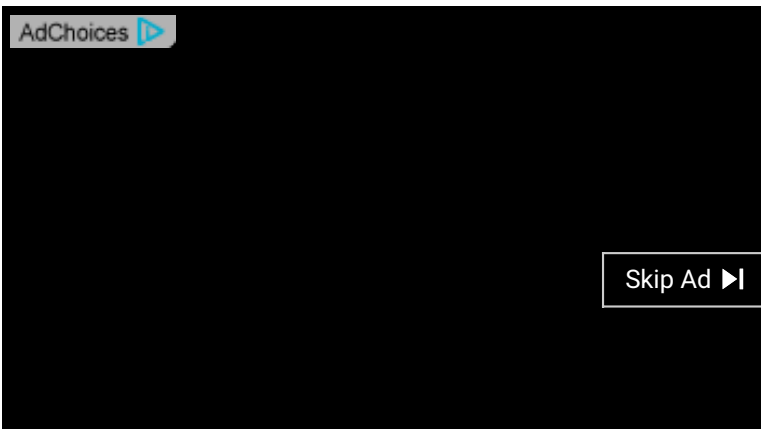
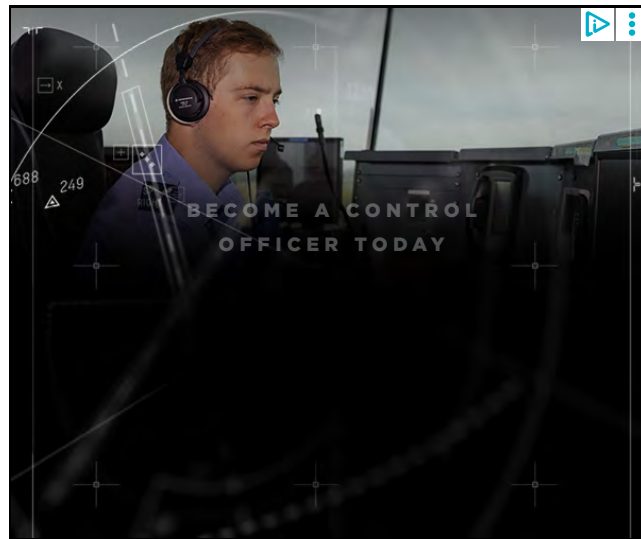


Tractors drove through London on Wednesday (February 11) (Image: Alycia McNamara)

Farmers have descended on **London** over concerns about inheritance tax changes,

rising costs and foreign food imports. The demonstration saw multiple tractors head past Baker Street Station at around 11am on Wednesday morning (February 11), beeping horns, erecting flags and holding up traffic.

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Pictures show them displaying signs including: "Stop FARMageddon" and "Our country needs EVERYONE. Let's all stand #TOGETHER". Other signs read: "DON'T LISTEN TO RACHEL THIEVES FROM ACCOUNTS! BACK BRITISH FARMING," "NO BRITISH **FARMING**, NO FOOD!" and "STARMER YOU PLONKER". There were reportedly around 10 tractors involved in the **protest** in London on Wednesday.

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Farmers across the UK are demonstrating for better support for the agricultural industry. The Government has insisted it is "backing British farmers" to ensure their future.

Farmers argue that inheritance tax changes, which will be introduced from April, are set to make farms worth over £1million liable for 20% tax. This may force some farmers to sell some of their land in order to afford their tax bills.

Meanwhile, foreign trade deals are threatening to undercut British farmers. They allow cheaper food imports with lower welfare and safety standards, meaning the prices of British food is impacted.

Farmers also face higher costs, including a £220 rise per tonne of fertiliser. This comes as they claim they are receiving low and unfair prices for their products.

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The tractors displayed signs and beeped their horns while they drove through London (Image: Alycia McNamara)

One of the signs called Sir Keir Starmer a 'plonker' (Image: Alycia McNamara)

Earlier this month, farmers from the east of England blocked transport hubs and transport depots. Their concerns included the impact of rising costs, foreign food and government red tape.


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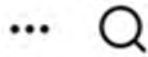
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Yasss go yous.. never back down!!! Support from Scotland 💖
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 **Ellie May** · 2h
Excellent move 🇬🇧 🇬🇧
Reply  

 **Jackie Roberts** · 17h
Well done you farming Folkes we're still here supporting you guys
Reply  5  

 **Lyle Mersey** · 3h · 😏 by author
Drag the machines out the way and impound them
Reply  2  

 **Stephen Beer** · 17h
Oh yes keep up the good work 🇬🇧 guys and girls 😊
Reply  2  

 **Guy Shaw** · 17h
Well done all. 🇬🇧 🇬🇧 🚧
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 **Julie Wickland** · 15h
Well done
Reply  1  



Farmers target Tesco in NI as UK-wide inheritance tax campaign escalates

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(Photo: Farmers For Action NI)

Pressure is mounting on major supermarkets as Farmers For Action (FFA) enters its third week of protests in Northern Ireland over inheritance tax and farm income concerns.

Campaigners gathered outside the Tesco Superstore at The Meadows in Portadown, Co Armagh on Thursday evening (12 February), as part of what the group calls its "IHT Phase 2 Campaign".

The protests centre on inheritance tax (IHT) changes, which roll out from April 2026, and what FFA describes as the long-term threat posed to family farm succession and viability.

Despite poor weather, demonstrators distributed leaflets to shoppers leaving the store.

Sean McAuley of FFA said they were “well received” and highlighted the involvement of younger members of the farming community.

“The star of the protest was 12-year-old young farmer Blake who braved the cold and rain with enthusiasm,” he said, adding that the youngster went “the extra mile” by handing leaflets directly to customers.

William Taylor of FFA said the aim of the Phase 2 campaign is to encourage the UK’s 11 largest food retailers to respond publicly to four questions sent to their chief executives, with a requested reply by 1 March 2026.

Among them is the question: “Will you lobby government to remove IHT?”

Mr Taylor claimed Tesco and Asda have already stated publicly that they would support a pause or rethink on inheritance tax. FarmingUK has approached the retailers for comment.

FFA is also urging supermarkets to press ministers to introduce a UK-wide Farm Welfare Bill to ensure family farmers receive at least the true cost of production, linked to inflation, plus a margin.

The group further wants retailers to challenge what it describes as international food swaps contributing to climate change, and to back tighter rules on imports and clearer labelling standards.

The Northern Ireland protest forms part of a broader escalation of [farmer-led demonstrations across the UK](#), with groups also holding supermarket depot protests in parts of England through 2026 so far.

Demonstrations have targeted major retailers and distribution hubs, with campaigners highlighting low farmgate returns, rising input costs and growing concerns over the future of family farming.

The campaign comes amid wider pressure on farm profitability and succession planning, with many family businesses already facing rising costs and uncertainty over future policy.

FFA said it is now awaiting responses from retailers by the March deadline.

The group confirmed its next protest will take place outside Tesco in Cookstown, County Tyrone, as part of its continuing push for what it sees as fairer taxation and supply chain reform.



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Tesco IHT and more protest in Banbridge

By The Newsroom



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Thursday night and left them exceptionally well surprised on two fronts.

William Taylor, FFA co-ordinator, stated: “Yet again credit must go to our young farmers and older farmers who handed out 350 leaflets in just two hours to shoppers leaving Tesco, then just as we ran out of leaflets at the appropriate time the surprise of the night arrived. Noise filled the Tesco car park and Agricultural Contractor William Megaw in his giant self propelled fodder beet harvester parked outside Tesco’s front door. This was followed by a row of already present tractors for the finale of the night. Megaw Contractors had been harvesting beet in Killyleagh and made the detour on the way home to help the protest.”

Samuel Morrison, FFA stated: “FFA are playing their part in IHT Phase 2 and more protests across the UK and with all the protests that have gone on in GB the least that family farmers in Northern Ireland can do is play their part!”

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Next week, on Thursday 5 March from 6pm to 10pm, the sixth week of Phase 2 IHT and more protests will finish in Fermanagh at Tesco Enniskillen.

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The protest in Banbridge

Samuel continued: “Replies from 11 of the largest UK food retailers, Tesco included, are anticipated or otherwise by 1 March. Letters sent to the large food retailers from FFA, respectfully representing many farm organisations across the UK early in the protests, asked four reasonable questions including their support to lobby Government for the removal of IHT and to put in place a UK-wide Farm Welfare Bill to ensure farmers receive a minimum of the true cost of production inflation linked plus a margin for their produce. A letter was also sent to **Rachel Reeves** to explain the requests to the retailers and a letter will again be sent to her, when the retailers replies are received or otherwise.”

The final protest takes place next Thursday. Check out Farmers For Action Northern Ireland Facebook page for all the details. Tractors, pick-ups and wellies very welcome!

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Video: Farmer protests return to London over inheritance tax

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Tractors have once again rolled into central London as farmers protest the proposed farm inheritance tax reforms, due to take effect on 6 April.

Farmers warn the policy could devastate UK farms and worsen domestic food security amid global instability, including the war in Iran.

About 20 farmers from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire and Leicestershire drove their tractors to Westminster on Tuesday (3 March) ahead of chancellor Rachel Reeves' Spring Statement.

See also: [Farmers take festive tractors to London protest](#)

The latest protest comes just weeks before a High Court judicial review on 17-18 March.

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Campaigners hope this could delay the tax's introduction if the court finds the government failed to consult the industry properly.

Placards on tractors displayed messages including "No British farming, No food", "Unite the country. Your Farmers, our Food" and "Labour Out", as farmers urged ministers to abandon the policy and provide stronger support for domestic food production.

Arable farmers squeezed

Will Finn-Kelcey, an arable farmer near Milton Keynes, said growers are being squeezed by low commodity prices and rising input costs, with energy bills and red diesel soaring due to global tensions.

"The government needs to rethink food security, start speaking to and engaging with supermarkets and the food sector," he said.

"We are headed towards a potential World War Three scenario.

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“And we need to see more support for domestic food production and a complete removal of the proposed farm inheritance tax policy.

“At the moment, we’re not seeing any support for farmers from this government.

“The new SFI seems to be targeted at small farmers, less than 50ha.

“These are not the main food-producing farms of the country.

“The government keeps saying ‘we’re supporting farmers with millions of pounds’, but we’re not seeing this.”

Imported fertiliser reliance

Another farmer from Berkshire added: “The government needs to wake up and realise the country is sleepwalking into a food security crisis.

“We have closed both fertiliser factories and are now entirely reliant on imports.

“We saw the risks with Ensus – when the Teesside bioethanol plant stopped production, it exposed how losing domestic biofuel capacity hits both fuel supply and the farmers who grow the wheat that produces the fuel.”

Farmers say the Spring Statement presents an opportunity for ministers to pause the reforms, clarify farm support schemes, and outline measures to strengthen domestic production at a time of geopolitical uncertainty.

However, *Farmers Weekly* understands there are no major policy announcements expected for farming.



When the next london protest?

New posts

Stuartwhite · Feb 3, 2026



Stuartwhite
Member



Mixed Farmer

Feb 3, 2026

When are we going back to westminster to shut it down again?

#1

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Frantic Farmer
Member
West of the Cider
City

Mar 3, 2026

some are at it today

#2

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GOODYSMATE and mwj

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B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Mar 3, 2026

For goodness sake hasn't the penny dropped with you lot yet, the government happily ignore these protests as they have no affect on the government, if you really want to get a reaction cover your tractors with placards telling the NFU to get off their asses & get a total sewage embargo in place, make the public aware that the NFU are not acting for farmers & that UK farmers are determined to get an embargo on all this sewage put in place.

Failing that you'd be more useful sat at home on a bale of hay watching the rain whilst twiddling your thumbs!

Jsmith2211

#3

Reply



Mr Mackay
Member

Mar 3, 2026

Same old

#4



HMP Slade ,
Shropshire

Jsmith2211 and stev

Reply



Jsmith2211
Member
Mixed Farmer
Somerset

Mar 4, 2026

#5

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They say there are 2 things certain in life, but I think it is 3. Death, Taxes and Brian going on about his sewage embargo

👍👍 Bernardbean, ajd132, Right-arm fast and 3 others

Reply

B

BrianV
Member
Mixed Farmer
Dartmoor

Mar 4, 2026

#6

Jsmith2211 said:

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And totally wasted tractor protests that you forgot as well! 😞

Reply



Wooly
Member
Mixed Farmer
Romney Marsh

Mar 5, 2026

#7

BrianV said:

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Were they wasted ? 😞 The threshold for IHT went up from £1m per farm to £2.5m per person.

The NFU might want to take the credit for that. The Government may say that it was due to the NFU and not the tractors, but the tractors were getting all the media attention, not to mention the support from most of the public.

The Government aren't that stupid to realise the tractors could eventually stop most of the country. The public were rooting for us to do that.

👍👍 HartslandHaylage, fieldfarmer and Storeman

Reply



Jh..
Member
Arable Farmer

Mar 5, 2026

#8

Wooly said:

Were they wasted ? 😞 The threshold for IHT went up from £1m per farm to £2.5m per person.

And yet the gov have been allowed to discriminate my kids for me not being married , just for them to continue running an existing business.

The sooner the dinghy squad rise up and london starts to burn the better . Perhaps then our politicians will grow some stones and do what needs to be done . They can't just keep taxing the UK to pay for the illegals arriving every day. They also need to realise that its not worth bankrupting the UK chasing this green energy nonsense when we are only responsible for 1% of global emissions .

Last edited: Ma

B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Mar 5, 2026

#9

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Reply

R

Right-arm fast
Member

Mar 6, 2026

#10

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Wooly and HartslandHaylage

Reply

B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

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Mar 6, 2026

#11

Right-arm fast said:

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Now if you had 1500 tractors each with a placard saying farmers will no longer accept sewage onto their farms the media would be all over it!

The choice is yours.

tullah

Reply



Mr Mackay
Member
HMP Slade ,
Shropshire

Mar 6, 2026

#12

BrianV said:

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The choice is yours.

You don't use it so the choice isn't yours

mwj

Reply

B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor

Mar 6, 2026

#13

Mr Mackay said:

You don't use it so the choice isn't yours

The changes don't affect me so the choice is yours!

Reply

J

Jon 2166
Member

Arable Farmer

South Devon

Saturday at 9:44 PM

#14

Wooly said:

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I don't think tractors are going to shut the country down? Not enough of them. That plan has more of a chance of ruining our reputation with the public than shutting the country down. The police will just come and arrest you, then tow your tractor away if you cause too much trouble.

How do you know what public support the tractor protests had? Is there a poll or something? I never really understand it when people say that. I would suspect most of the public wouldn't really care, unless they are inconvenienced by one?

You need to do something that is going to inconvenience the government, not the public. Something that will cost the government, not Mr & Mrs John Smith trying to get to work, or put food on the table, get to a hospital or going on a holiday that has cost them all of their savings.

tullah

Reply



Wolds Beef
Member

Wednesday at 6:42 AM

#15

I see they report a meeting/protest on the 18th regarding import standards. I hope @Clive @Chris F @agriccontract @Mwf and Wardy(if he is in the Country) are all invited to lobby and we leave the tractors at home(I hope it is dry and we can crack on). We need equivalent standards and we need better port inspections(maybe we could train some of the unemployed with the right qualifications to crawl over the loads.)

WB

Mwf

Reply



Clive
Staff Member

Moderator

Lichfield

Wednesday at 7:35 AM

#16

Wolds Beef said:

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WB

No, I won't be at that meeting. It's an NFU event, and since I'm not a member, they'll be representing farmers there. I will

be in London on Monday and Tuesday, but I'll be spending my time with people who can actually make a difference, not repeating well-worn arguments that everyone agrees with but then actually does nothing about

By the way, it may have escaped the NFU's notice, as they don't seem to be giving it any attention, but the judicial review on APR/BPR is next Tuesday and Wednesday. If anyone's at the Farmers Club on Monday or Tuesday night, give me a shout and I'll buy you a pint!

 Bernardbean and woody 1

Reply

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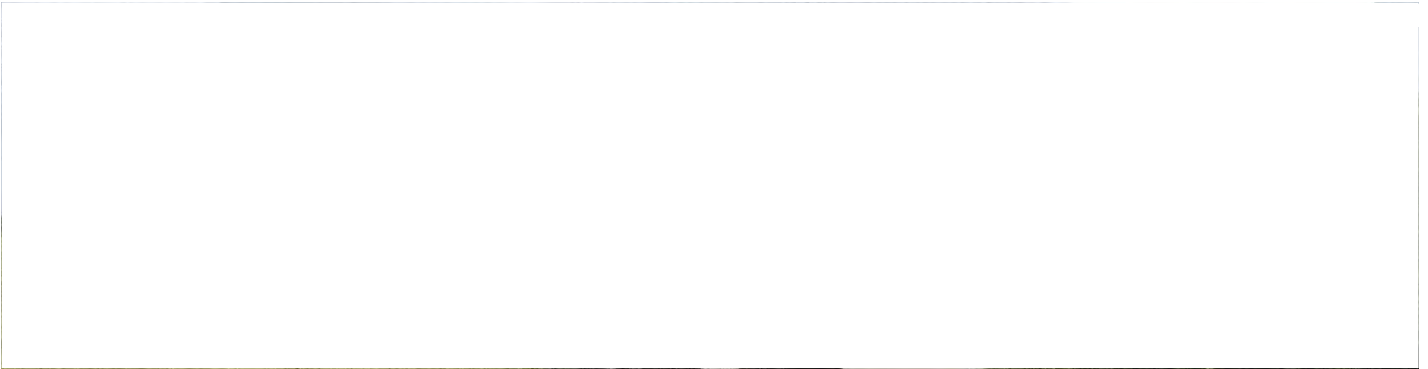


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Chris F
 Staff
 Moderator
 Hammerwich

Daniel said:
 First farmer to die without a living spouse?

Even then I think it might go into a state of limbo. But yes (and over the threshold), that will be the ultimate test as IHT will actually be payable - or not - or delayed.

Reply


Clive
 Staff Member
 Moderator
 Lichfield

Mar 23, 2026 #42

Chris F said:
 That isn't an aim of the review.


The only aim is to deem the consultation unlawful and hopefully to make them do a proper consultation that would include individuals instead of just trusts.

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sadly trusts don't fix the 7 year issue
 any gift into a trust is subject to the same hold over rules

imo if the courts rule a proper consultation should have taken place it could end this as the time that could take might last us until the next election

government can ignore the courts decision of course but that really won't look good if they do

 David.

Reply


BrianV
 Member
 Mixed Farmer
 Dartmoor

Mar 23, 2026 #43

Good to know the £500 million raised by the IHT changes is not going to waste. 😞





Mar 23, 2026

#44

Shahana Mahmood set to offer France extra £500MILLION to stop the boats but demands 'more

BrianV said:

Good to know the £500 million raised by the IHT changes is not going to waste. 🙄



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Shame they didn't make use of a ban on sewage when they had the chance instead of just fecking about, gotta live with it now!

👍 Jon 2166 and tullah

Reply

B

BrianV
Member

Mixed Farmer

Dartmoor



David.
Member

Mixed Farmer

J11 M40

Mar 26, 2026

#45

Remind me, what was the deal offered to Johnson by France. Would the country be better off now if he was less of a pr*ck, had secured French cooperation and goodwill, and had taken it.

Reply

R

Right-arm fast
Member

Apr 20, 2026

#46

Does anyone know anything further about the JR. Been over a month now, I don't know if there's a back stop date for a decision?

Guess if anybody knew anything new it would have already been posted possibly.

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Wolds Beef
Member

Friday at 7:15 AM

#47

I guess it is the Government and judiciary trying to bury bad news!!
WB

R

Right-arm fast
Member

Friday at 9:14 AM

#48

Wolds Beef said:

I guess it is the Government and judiciary trying to bury bad news!!
WB

Makes You wonder.

 Wolds Beef

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Wolds Beef
Member

Friday at 1:41 PM

#49

Maybe the judges who deliberated fear for there own safety!!
WB

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Wolds Beef
Member

Yesterday at 5:50 PM

#50

Have I done it again(killed the thread)

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R

Right-arm fast
Member

Today at 11:00 AM

#51

Wolds Beef said:

Have I done it again(killed the thread)

No news on the review, so nothing to discuss as yet?

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Chris F
Staff

Moderator

Hammerwich

33 minutes ago

#52

Right-arm fast said:

Does anyone know anything further about the JR. Been over a month now, I don't know if there's a back stop date for a decision?
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The normal timeline for getting an answer is between 6-8 months. So will likely be a while yet.

Looking at the judgments that have just been published, they were heard in November 2025.

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