

CLAIM NO:

**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

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- (1) PERSONS UNKNOWN AS DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE 1 ATTACHED TO
THE CLAIM FORM**
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE 1
ATTACHED TO THE CLAIM FORM**

Defendants

Exhibit ST1

This is the exhibit referred to in the First Witness Statement of Sophie Throup dated 15 January 2025.

Signed: 

Name: Sophie Throup

Dated: 15 January 2025

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I know what you're saying but 45000 farmers went to London, 500 tractors went to Westminster, but nothing has changed so 5 tractors at supermarkets will achieve nothing. Public are behind us because they are sick of the way the country is going down the pan .

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Love them or hate them, the likes of
are needed
at the front of any protest group, they've got the experience, contacts and public recognition to front any group, but as said above, if we're not united and just a mass of splinter groups, nothing will get achieved

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I think this is just for anyone who wants to ask questions about why farmers are protesting, it's a way the public get a better understanding of what we are doing. No blocking just a couple of tractors parked near the entrance and engaging with them.

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We need to block distribution centres empty the shelves, the public will realise how important farming is to the country and the government may just open their eyes, we keep tip toeing at this but nothing is changing

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I will get back under my hedge. 10:32

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I see Morrisons have come out backing farmers, it's the only one that has ! 10:32

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Well at least we seem to have a bit of unity in that it's RDC's that need targeting 10:32

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Take no notice of that shit, actions speak louder than words. I wouldn't be surprised if certain other supermarkets don't follow suit, just a smoke screen.

Got to keep on to all of them 🚜🚜🚜

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Im not a true farmer I produce pheasants.. so don't know the exact ins and outs of farming. looking from the outside in the best and only way to make them listen is through the milk.. 48 hours and this country will be at war over the last bottle. Farmers need to help subsidise the dairy boys & girls. To help feed there cattle take there milk for disposal etc.. that will send the biggest voice across the country that farmers mean business.. 10:32

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... was scrapped he said that was wrong i personally don't think driving round slow is going to achieve anything i think the supermarket supply chain has to be targeted

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I completely agree with what is being said but as a small tenant dairy farmer I can't stop the milk tanker coming in my yard and the supermarket knows that . We have been pushed by them to do costing and benchmarking and now climate change paperwork what they all see and know how much money we need to serve are bills.

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Team work makes the dream work,unless we all can agree as farmers we are pretty done for.
I am afraid the supermarkets have had it there way for too long,I completely understand about perishable foods. They are selling our products surely we need to have a say on what we want them to buy it for.
We must stop supplying,short term pain for hopefully a longer time gain.
Perhaps we need to help each other to make this work.

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But it needs to be coordinated... [Read more](#)

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That was the whole idea of Lutterworth
just to create enough of a stir to
get noticed, which we did on the back
of the phone calls I received from Magna
Park staff.

MP's had been contacted and media
also, but due to the lateness of being
instructed to sort something, they
couldn't make it. Oh and the media man
is ill and had a hospital appointment to
attend that morning.

Next week we are hitting distribution
centres directly, 12 hours, no bull shit
taken. There are only so many times I
can explain to people that there's certain
steps in certain order we take.

Basically speaking next week who can
commit to 12 hrs, probably Wednesday/
Thursday evening. **THIS IS NOT A ROAD
RUN.**

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40 years ago when I first met my father
in law he was banging on about the
supermarkets were going to shaft
farmers and control prices when the
MMB was scrapped he said that was
wrong I personally don't think driving
round slow is going to achieve anything



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The truth is agricultural is a free disposal point for this necessary service - buying it is not cheap fertilizer, it's a loss of valuable revenue

I hope these troubling times draw the agricultural community together and eventually come out the other side better off

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It's not that simple as tipping milk down the drain, we all have different cash flow and financial circumstances.

From my point of view it would be easy to sit on fat cattle for a bit or not sell my wheat for a while, but for the dairy boys or those producing perishable vegetables it's not so easy.

I do think the sewage cake should be refused as they only have so much storage and it wouldn't affect the public but would certainly cause a headache to the powers that be.

Blocking the entrances to RDC' s would be particularly targeted. It would allow farmers to still offer their produce but cause massive problems. A load of dry Muck (minimise pollution) or maize would be a nightmare to clean up for not much cost to the farmers.

But it needs to coordinated... [Read more](#)

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We've just watched the NHS, and train operators get hundreds of millions thrown at a properly conducted strike.

If this industry will commit to the same, we will accomplish what it needs to survive.

If not all that will happen is, we create a mild hindrance that will be forgotten and ignored.

There simply isn't the infrastructure to import everything we need as a nation, and as Simon mentioned above, the red tape to import/export food products now has actually fallen in our favour.

3 days of dumping milk will force the creameries to turn off their machines, and a full sterilisation will be needed before starting up again.

There are more ways than one to skin a cat. The cake is a big one and in my opinion the dairy is in a perfect position to show how quick and easy it is to empty shelves.

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Just block the dairy's and RDCs , it couldn't be more simple .

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We had 15 years as distributors of sewage in the 1980's out of Rugby

It needs all farmers to reject sewage across the country and charge to take

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month of not taking sewage . Might just give them a nudge that they can't do without us .

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Good luck on the sewage job, I know of farmers beating the drum , definitely not having it, and guess what, 6 weeks later the bog mats and digger are in stacking cake. Basically getting it for fuck all. Sadly you will never get everyone to stick together, some people can't afford to lose that cash flow . So hitting the distribution centres is key, farms stick to supplying produce so they get paid but it doesn't then leave the the distribution hub.

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tin hats on lads , captain diplomatic is typing

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Then we need to picket each other.

Everyone needs a neighbourly favour every now and again.

Just like days past, anyone who broke the picket was shunned by everyone.

We all need to buy or sell to someone, break picket, survive on your own name, shame, and don't buy or sell to them.

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Told ya  10:32



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or my lads as it stands to date, but I'm in agreement WE SHOULD ALL still stand together.

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Gentlemen, Ladies. Somebody included me in this chat group. I wasn't invited, but since I'm a farming journalist, I'm going throw in my two pennies.

I hope you will take what I'm going to say , in the context within which it is meant.

The honest truth is, in the U.K. nobody ever resolved a dispute by blocking roads. We are not in France.

To be honest, despite the recent commendable efforts, marching on parliament made very little impact. Furthermore, only farmers have ever protested, then given food for charity. It's all very commendable, but, from what I see, respectfully, it's not making the impact required.

Here's a question for you. How many of the companies you supply with grain, meat, milk or vegetable products have contacted and supported you, t... **Read more**

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Well said

Somehow a short sharp shock of not selling produce maybe just a week , which wouldn't allow them time to source from elsewhere , coupled with a month of not taking sewage. Might just



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Drop big piles of a trailer full of truck on every motorway entry slip road. 10:32

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There are laws against that but driving around roundabouts with lorries or tractors and trailers works but it's got to be done by the most local farmers or hauliers same with the food hubs and ports and airports then cities and towns

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We need to pull together, I know of a few who have sorted their affairs out so now happy to carry on doing their own thing, but it should be about supporting each other regardless of the circumstances it's about saving our industry as a whole

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Yep you can do it just inside the law. Needs to be in unison right across the country. Bring the country to a near stand still.

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Yes but they might have done things they think but they could also be wrong too and put their thoughts more to the forefront and still get clobbered in a different way, until the government makes their final decision nobody is safe!

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I'm on a zoom call now regarding whats happening next from our side. Keep that fighting spirit for the next step 10:31

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At the end of the day , some of the public will back us and some just see us as rich land owners and why should we get tax breaks and subsidies! You will never change those people 10:31

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I think it's getting close to no more Mr nice guy. Everything done so far has been nice and politely. Not upset anyone and not really inconvenient anyone. So as far as the government are concerned, we'll there not doing any harm let them get on with it. Maybe time to start some real action, like a rolling road block on every A road for 2 hours on Saturday mornings for a few weeks. 10:32

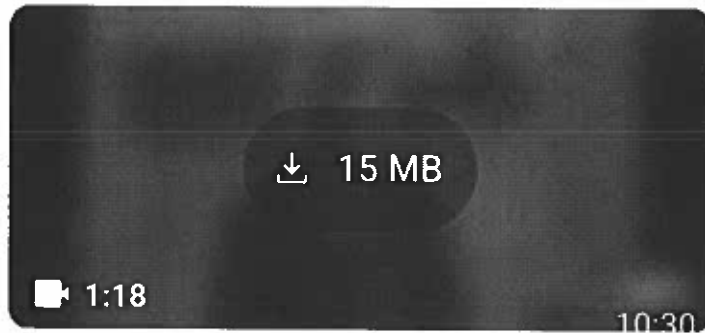
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Exactly we have to step it up, I'm not happy about doing what we need to do but we are left with limited options now . Government aren't taking any notice and if we keep doing small protests the media will get bored and move on to a new story! 10:32

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So who is that chap and who's organising it ?
We must be united - too many splinter groups will not help our cause .
As the saying goes "Divide and conquer "

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Justin at FTA 10:31

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Who we trying to convince our cause the government or public?? 🙄

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Basically we need all on side but we've dot to be prepared to upset someone to get results for all of us whether it's inheritance tax APR BPR or red tape and simplification to get us a level playing field

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