

Our responses

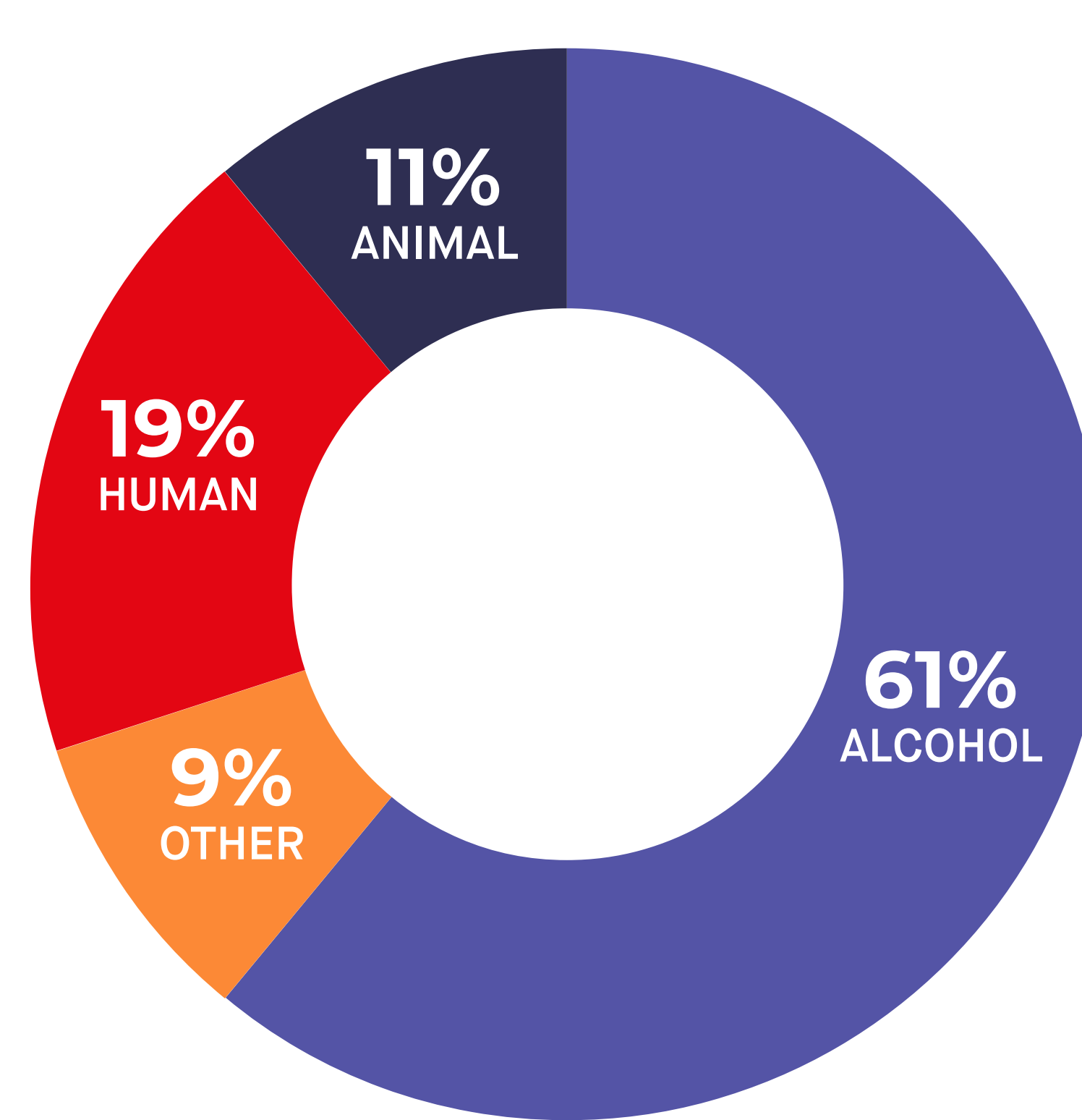
Use of land for agriculture or renewable energy



Several people raised concerns over using prime agricultural land for energy production.

Our response

We conducted a comprehensive Land Capability for Agriculture assessment in October 2025, which will be submitted with our planning application. At present, the majority of the site's crops are used for distilling (over 60%) and this year only 19% of the land available was used for food production. The majority of the soil is Class 3.1 and 3.2 agricultural land.



ARABLE FARMING LAND USE

A solar farm is a good use of this site because

- **National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) compliant:** The project aligns with Scottish Government guidance, which allows for renewable energy production on agricultural land
- **Continued farming:** The estate can graze their sheep on site once the solar farm is constructed, so that the farming business can continue.
- **Climate change:** decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels should help us tackle climate change, which poses a huge threat to UK food security through extreme weather and changing growing conditions.
- **Farm viability:** Renting land for renewable energy provides additional income, helping landowners reinvest in their farms.
- **Economic survival:** Projects like this support farms at risk of closure and strengthen long-term sustainability.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.

