



# Mallard Pass

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### Consultation Report

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## **9. STAGE TWO STATUTORY COMMUNITY SECTION 47 CONSULTATION OUTPUTS (26 MAY 2022 – 04 AUGUST 2022)**

### **9.1 INTRODUCTION**

9.1.1 This Appendix presents information and materials published and produced by the Applicant for the purposes of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation, in accordance with Section 47(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6a)(6b)(7) of the 2008 Act.

9.1.2 The Applicant held the Stage Two Statutory Community Section 47 Consultation for ten weeks (70 days), between Thursday 26 May 2022 and Thursday 04 August 2022, going beyond the 28-day statutory minimum.

9.1.3 The Applicant ran the Section 47 consultation in parallel with the Section 42 consultation, between 26 May 2022 and 04 August 2022. To view documents and information relating to the Section 42 consultation, please refer to Chapter 9: Statutory Consultation Under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, Appendix 3: Section 42 Consultees and Consultation, Appendix 5: Applicant Response in Regard to Section 42 Comments, and Appendix 11: Section 44 Consultees and Consultation of this Consultation Report.

9.1.4 This Appendix comprises the following information and documentation:

- Stage Two Statutory Section 47 Consultation Materials (26 May 2022 – 04 August 2022) (including Community Consultation Leaflet, Main Document, Feedback Form, information event, exhibition and website materials);
- Stage Two Statutory Section 47 Consultation Notifications (26 May 2022 – 04 August 2022) (including copies of Letters, Emails and materials provided); and

- Statutory Section 47 Consultation Publicity (26 May 2022 – 04 August 2022) (including local newspaper advertisements, Local Information Point (LIP) poster, Community Access Point (CAP) site information, press releases and social media activity).

9.1.5 Appendix 9.4.11. Social Media Activity sets out all social media activity undertaken by the Applicant between 26 May 2022 (at the launch of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation) to and including 04 August 2022 (at the end of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation). This Appendix also includes social media activity on 05 August 2022, immediately following the close of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation).

9.1.6 The Applicant used the social media platform Twitter as its exclusive means of direct social media communication, at the handle @MallardPass. As set out in Table 15 and further detailed in Chapter 7 of this Consultation Report, the Applicant considered using other social media platforms (such as Facebook) however due to other platforms' features (such as privacy, membership etc) decided to exclusively utilise Twitter throughout. As is described in Table 15 of this Consultation Report, the Applicant encouraged key stakeholders to share Statutory Consultation information via their own social media as they saw fit and provided digital copies of consultation materials as well as case-by-case basis support if needed, to further promote the consultation.

9.1.7 The Applicant published 51 tweets over the lifetime of the social media account. This Appendix comprises the 25 tweets published by the Applicant between 26 May 2022 and 04 August 2022, during the 70-day period of Stage Two Statutory Consultation. Appendix 7.4.5 of this Consultation Report comprises the 26 tweets the Applicant published before the start of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation.



## **9.2 STAGE TWO STATUTORY SECTION 47 CONSULTATION MATERIALS (26 MAY 2022 – 04 AUGUST 2022)**

### **9.2.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION LEAFLET**



## **Mallard Pass Solar Farm**

**Stage Two Statutory Consultation  
Community Consultation Leaflet**

**May 2022**



## Our Stage Two consultation

### Windel Energy and Canadian Solar are proposing a new solar farm near Essendine called Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

We introduced our initial proposals during our Stage One, non-statutory phase of consultation held between 04 November and 16 December 2021. By considering community and stakeholder feedback received during Stage One, alongside the results of the work undertaken to date on our environmental assessments, we have evolved the design for Mallard Pass which we are now sharing for this Stage Two Statutory Consultation.

This community consultation leaflet has been produced to inform you of our upcoming Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass, which is running for ten weeks, from **26 May 2022 to 04 August 2022**.

During our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we want to hear your feedback on how our proposals for Mallard Pass have developed since Stage One.

#### We want to hear your comments and ideas on:

- Our developed concept plan, design and layout for Mallard Pass, which have had regard to the comments received during Stage One. This includes how the project could look to local residents and visitors.
- Our suggested mitigation measures to address issues raised through consultation and identified through our preliminary environmental assessment work.
- Our proposed improvement measures to deliver benefits, such as new recreational connectivity and ecology habitats across the Site.
- The information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

You can find out more about our proposals by reading our Main Consultation Document and PEIR, visiting our website, attending one of our upcoming events, or by contacting the team using the details on the back of this leaflet.

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## Our proposals

### We are proposing a new solar farm with infrastructure to connect to the national grid, along with putting in place mitigation measures, ecological enhancements and opportunities for improved recreational access by the local community.

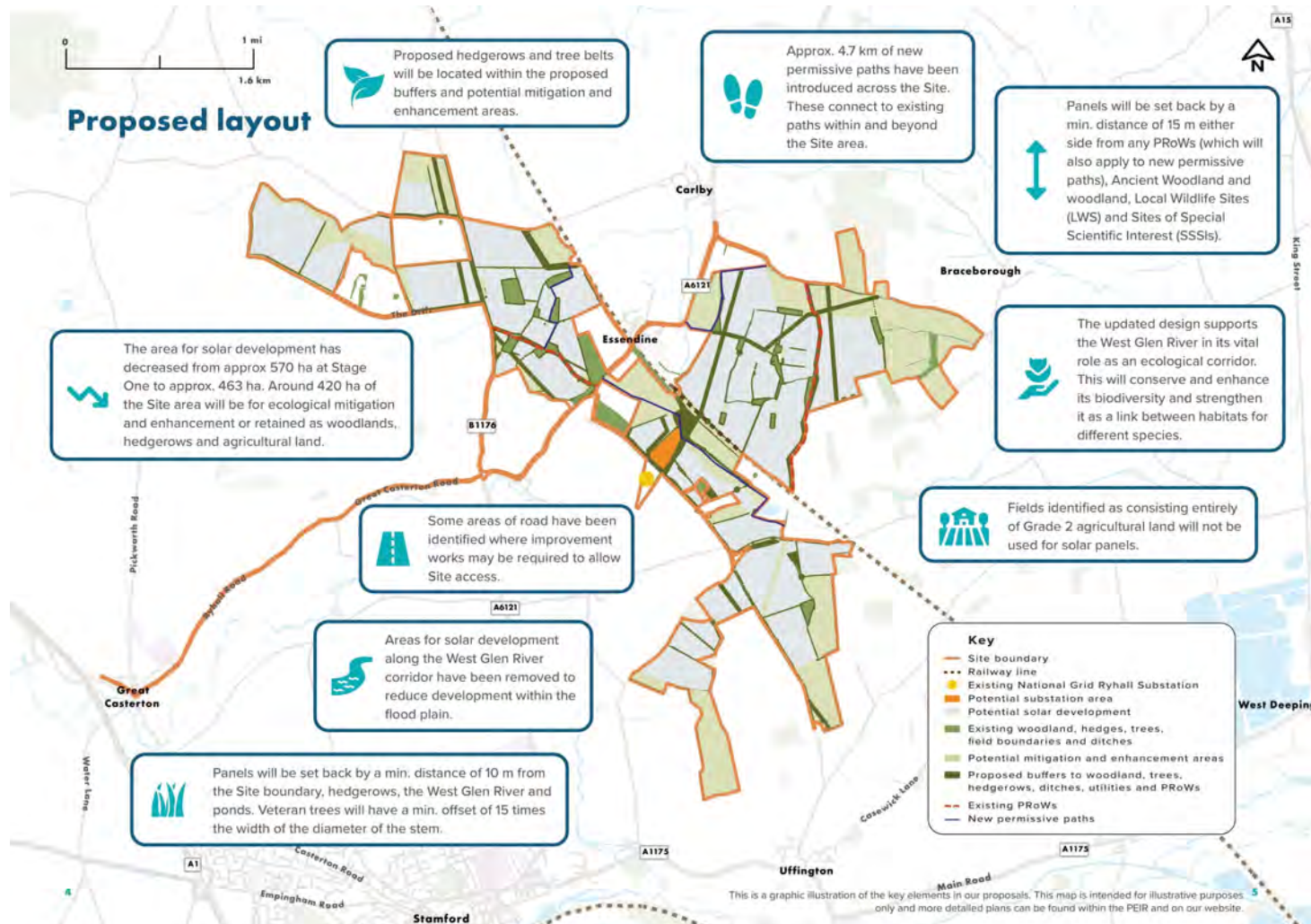
If approved, Mallard Pass will deliver in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of solar energy. The total proposed area ('the Site') equates to approximately 906 hectares (ha). The developed area containing solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays (PV site) and infrastructure to connect to the grid will be located on approximately 463 ha. Areas allowing for access to the PV site, including potential highway improvement works during construction, are proposed to cover 23 ha.

Mallard Pass also includes areas for mitigation, ecological improvements and 'buffer zones', as well as areas that will be retained as woodlands, hedgerows and agricultural land. These areas amount to 420 ha of the Site. In these areas, we are proposing new enhancements to the local area, such as creating additional publicly-accessible routes, introducing new wildflower and wetland habitats to improve biodiversity, and strengthening connections between different habitats, which would also link to the wider landscape. We also propose to provide new planting which would provide wildlife and environmental benefits, and to improve some retained agricultural land with plots for ground-nesting skylark.

The plan on the following page is indicative and shows our current proposals for the design and layout of the solar farm. We are also exploring whether minor highway improvement works within the adopted highway boundary are required in a limited number of areas to allow large vehicles to access the Site during construction. This includes a small area on the A1 (at the junction with Grantham Lane). This area is not visible on the following plan due to its scale and focus on the Solar PV Site. Our full Site location plan is included in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) as Figure 11.

***Our Vision for Mallard Pass Solar Farm is to support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and to be a responsible neighbour.***

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## What has changed since Stage One?

Our developed proposals for Mallard Pass have been informed by the feedback we received at Stage One, our environmental assessment and our project design principles. These were presented at Stage One and were informed by the National Infrastructure Commission's design principles of Climate, People, Place and Value.

We have sought to evolve our vision for Mallard Pass in three key ways to address the feedback we have received.

### 1. Reducing impacts to residential properties and higher quality agricultural land

- While we have slightly increased our overall Site boundary to include sections of local highway that might require improvement during construction, the area proposed for solar panels has decreased from approximately 570 ha at Stage One, to approximately 463 ha.
- Approximately 420 ha of the overall Site area will be for ecological mitigation and enhancement or retained as woodlands, hedgerows and agricultural land.
- We have reduced the total area for solar panels by removing panels from fields which are entirely Grade 2 agricultural land and also by increasing the distance of the proposed solar panels and infrastructure from people's homes. We are also proposing additional tree and hedgerow screening to protect residential amenity.
- In addition, new hedgerow planting, tree belts and woodland blocks have been introduced to limit any potential visual impact from particular public vantage points throughout the Site.



### 2. Supporting recreational and amenity opportunities

- We are supporting the recreational and amenity opportunities by retaining all Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the Site.
- We have introduced approximately 4.7 km of new permissive paths across the site.

#### These permissive paths include:

- Essendine to Carby Road link: an approximate 1.2 km route linking Essendine to Carby Road providing a new off-road route;
- West Essendine Link Loop: an approximate 1 km link creating a loop running northwest of Essendine linking back to the existing bridleway, and;
- West Glen River Corridor: an approximate 2.5 km link from Stamford Road south-eastward along the river corridor to join the Macmillan Way.

### 3. Enhancing biodiversity and ecological connectivity

- Our updated design will enhance biodiversity and ecological connectivity across the Site through the creation of new habitats, including wildflower and grassland, improving the connectivity of existing habitats through new native tree and hedgerow planting, and allowing existing hedgerows to grow out more fully to the benefit of a wide range of local wildlife species.
- The development proposals include 420 ha of land outside of the solar array area to deliver mitigation and enhancement to the local landscape, this includes:
- The Drift Wildflower Grassland Corridor and Little Warren Valley Wildflower Grassland: creation of over 30 ha of wildflower grassland with calcareous species.
- West Glen Wet Woodland: creation of 3.7 ha of riparian habitat which could include wet woodland or carr planting in areas with no development along the river corridor.
- Site-wide wildflower and tussock grassland planting: creation of over 108 hectares of this habitat across the Site.
- We are also adopting skylark plots, grazed grassland, hedgerows and woodland belts, bird, owl, and bat boxes, and otter holts/layup areas at appropriate locations.

## Our consultation timeline

Mallard Pass Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it is proposed to have a generating capacity exceeding 50 MW.

This means we are applying for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Our application will be determined by the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). To find out more about the planning process, please visit: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>.

We are now undertaking our Stage Two (statutory) consultation, and recently published our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) confirming how we would do this.

Following our consultation, we will be updating our plans and then submit our application. This will include a Consultation Report setting out how we consulted with the public and how the feedback we received was taken into consideration. After the application is accepted, members of the public will be able to register their interest in the application, submit representations and take part in the examination.



\*All future dates are indicative and subject to change.

## Why we need Mallard Pass

Large-scale solar is being developed in the UK to play a critical role in the fight against climate change while delivering energy security and affordability.

The UK will decarbonise by increasing low carbon electricity generation and by using that electricity to displace fossil fuels. Electricity demand is expected to double by 2050, with this demand being met with clean energy produced through a mix of wind and solar (HMG Energy White Paper, December 2020). The recently published Energy Security Strategy now sets an ambition for solar of 70GW by 2035 – a five-fold increase on current provision. Mallard Pass has the potential to power in the region of 92,000 UK homes<sup>1</sup> by generating low-cost renewable energy, while increasing the reliability of our national grid and our own electricity supply.

Many characteristics are considered in the selection of appropriate locations for large-scale solar. The Site for Mallard Pass performs well against these considerations.

### These include:

- **Connection to the national grid** – There is sufficient capacity at the existing nearby Ryhall substation.
- **Planning and environmental considerations** – The Site is not subject to any protected landscape or spatial designations and is well located in relation to sensitive heritage and ecological assets.
- **Availability of land** – The Site has individual landowners, who were agreeable in principle to leasing their land for solar.
- **Topography** – The Site has a gently undulating topography which makes it particularly suitable for solar.
- **Proximity to people's homes** – Although relatively close to Essendine and some individual homes, there are limited residential properties in the immediate proximity. Through design, the impact on those properties can be effectively mitigated through sensitive landscaping and the location of panels.
- **Accessibility** – The Site has good connections to the Strategic Road Network.

<sup>1</sup>Our calculation for estimated homes powered can be calculated as follows:  
 $349,524,000 \text{ kWh (annual production (kWh))} / 3,760 \text{ kWh (average household consumption)} = 92,958.51 = 92,000 \text{ homes powered.}$  This is further explained in the FAQs section of our website.

## Stage Two Events and Webinars

**Our Stage Two consultation will begin on Thursday 26 May and finish on Thursday 04 August 2022.**

During this time, we plan to hold a series of public drop-in sessions in locations across our consultation area, as well as online. Our events will be an opportunity to see the project team and view our full suite of consultation materials on the detailed proposals for Mallard Pass.

**During Stage Two, we will hold four in-person public exhibition events:**

- **Saturday 25 June 2022** – 11 am to 5 pm – Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ.
- **Wednesday 29 June 2022** – 3 pm to 8 pm – Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DR.
- **Thursday 30 June 2022** – 3 pm to 8 pm – Greatford Village Hall, Carby Road, Greatford, PE9 4PR.
- **Friday 1 July 2022** – 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm – Ryhall Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HR.

**Webinar events**

- **Friday 17 June 2022** – 11 am to 1 pm.
- **Tuesday 05 July 2022** – 6 pm to 8 pm.

A detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our community webinars, along with webinar links and telephone dial-in details, are available on our website: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say).

If you are unable to attend our in-person events or prefer to work online, please view our virtual exhibition that contains all the same information as will be at the consultation events at: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/virtual-exhibition](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/virtual-exhibition).

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## Have your say

**We want to hear your feedback on our updated proposals.**



**To find out more about our proposals, you can:**

- Join us at our consultation events and webinars to learn about our proposals, meet the project team, and provide your feedback.
- Visit our dedicated project website to view the latest project information and submit feedback: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).
- View our virtual exhibition for those who cannot attend our in-person events, or prefer to participate online: via our project website.
- Contact our communication lines via phone, post or email.



**To have your say, please:**

- Complete our online feedback form at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).
- Return a written feedback form to **FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm**.
- Tell us your comments by contacting us by **email**.



**Community Access Point (CAP) sites:**

Visit our CAP sites to read and collect consultation materials. Please see below for details.

- **Essendine Village Hall.** Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ.
- **Stamford Arts Centre.** 27 St Mary's St, Stamford PE9 2DL.
- **Ryhall Village Hall.** Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR.

All documents are available on our project website ([www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents)) to view, print and download.

Should you require documents in hard copy (including in large print, audio or braille formats), please contact us at the details provided on the back page of this leaflet.

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## Contact us

### We want to keep you informed and hear your views on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more information about Mallard Pass Solar Farm and our associated consultation programme.

You can contact members of our stakeholder engagement team and find out more using any of our project-dedicated communications lines listed below.



**Email:**

[info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk)



**Freephone information line:**

0808 196 8717



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Our communications lines will remain active for the duration of our consultation on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.



## 9.2.2 MAIN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT



## **Mallard Pass Solar Farm**

**Stage Two Main Consultation Document**

**May 2022**



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## 1.0 Introduction

### Windel Energy and Canadian Solar are proposing a new solar farm near Essendine called Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

Mallard Pass will generate in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, making a critical and meaningful contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions and UK energy security through the development of a clean supply of electricity.

We first introduced our initial proposals during our Stage One (also known as non-statutory) consultation, which was held for six weeks between 04 November and 16 December 2021.

The consultation period for our Stage Two Statutory Consultation will last ten weeks, running from **Thursday 26 May to Thursday 04 August 2022**.

### 1.1 Our Statement of Community of Consultation

**On 19 May 2022, we published our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which explains how we plan to carry out our Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass.**

The SoCC was prepared in consultation with the host Local Planning Authorities (LPAs), South Kesteven District Council, Rutland County Council and Lincolnshire County Council, as well as Peterborough City Council due to the consultation zone extending into their authority area. We took account of these comments when producing our final SoCC.

The SoCC includes a description of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation activities and offers further detail on how we will ensure an inclusive, meaningful, and open consultation process for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm proposals.

## 1.2 Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation

**We are now presenting an updated design that responds to Stage One feedback and the findings from our site assessment work to date.**

The design includes measures to: minimise impacts upon residents and nearby communities; respond sensitively to local context, including landscape, habitats and wildlife; and provide ecological enhancement and new recreational opportunities. While we are open to any comments on our proposals, this consultation particularly focuses on:

- Our developed design proposals for Mallard Pass, which have had regard to the comments received during Stage One. This includes visualisations from local viewpoints, which show how the project could look to residents and visitors.
- Our suggested mitigation measures, proposed to address issues raised through consultation and identified through environmental assessment.
- Our proposed improvement measures, seeking to deliver opportunities, such as new recreational connectivity and ecological habitats; and
- The information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

This is a statutory consultation process that we are required to carry out by the Planning Act 2008. This is because Mallard Pass is proposed to have a generating capacity exceeding 50 MW and, as such, is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). According to the Planning Act 2008, NSIPs must carry out a statutory phase of consultation.

## 1.3 Project design principles

A series of project design principles have been developed for Mallard Pass and were presented at Stage One<sup>1</sup>.

These align with the core purposes and ambitions of the 'Design Principles for National Infrastructure'<sup>2</sup>, as set out by the National Infrastructure Commission: which are *Climate, People, Places and Value*.

The purpose of the project design principles is to set a framework through which we develop our design for Mallard Pass as we progress towards our Development Consent Order (DCO) application and eventual delivery, should consent be granted. This framework ensures that the Mallard Pass Solar Farm is continually tested against recognised principles and that decision-making is transparent.

It is through the lens of these principles that we have produced our updated proposals for Mallard Pass, as well as in due consideration of Stage One feedback, ongoing engagement with statutory bodies and the results of our environmental assessments.

Our updated proposals for Mallard Pass have sought to achieve the following:

- Reduce the long-term visual impact upon the surrounding areas through the inclusion of additional screening solutions and the removal of solar development from certain areas, including those adjacent to residential properties where appropriate.
- Introduce further setbacks to maintain a respectful distance between the solar farm and people's homes.
- Enhance local recreational and amenity opportunities by retaining all Public Rights of Way (PROWs) within the area and creating new, additional permissive paths linking to existing local footpaths and PROWs.
- Improve ecology across the area through the creation of new biodiverse habitats (including wildflower and grassland); the enhancement of natural habitat connectivity via new native tree and hedgerow planting; as well as allowing existing hedgerows to grow out more fully to the benefit of a wide range of local species.
- Introduce a new, publicly accessible wildlife corridor along the West Glen River, creating new habitats and new means of recreational access for the local community.

1. Stage One Consultation Document, [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents).  
2. National Infrastructure Commission, <https://nic.org.uk/app/uploads/NIC-Design-Principles.pdf>.

## 2.0 Our proposals

We are proposing a new solar farm with infrastructure to connect to the national grid, together with the necessary mitigation to address the impacts of the solar farm, and ecological enhancements and opportunities for improved recreational access by the local community.

**Mallard Pass Solar Farm ('the Site') is proposed to be located on agricultural land either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine.**

The Site is close to the National Grid Ryhall 400 kilovolts (kV) Substation at Uffington Lane. This is where the electricity generated from the new solar farm will connect into the national grid, providing clean, secure power for a variety of uses: including homes, industry and infrastructure.

The Grantham – Peterborough section of the East Coast Main Line dissects the Site along a north-west – south-east alignment. Mallard Pass is located to the immediate south, east and west of Essendine and approximately 700 metres (m) east of Ryhall. The outskirts of Stamford are located approximately 1 kilometre (km) south-west of the Site and the centre of Peterborough is located approximately 16 km south-east of the Project.

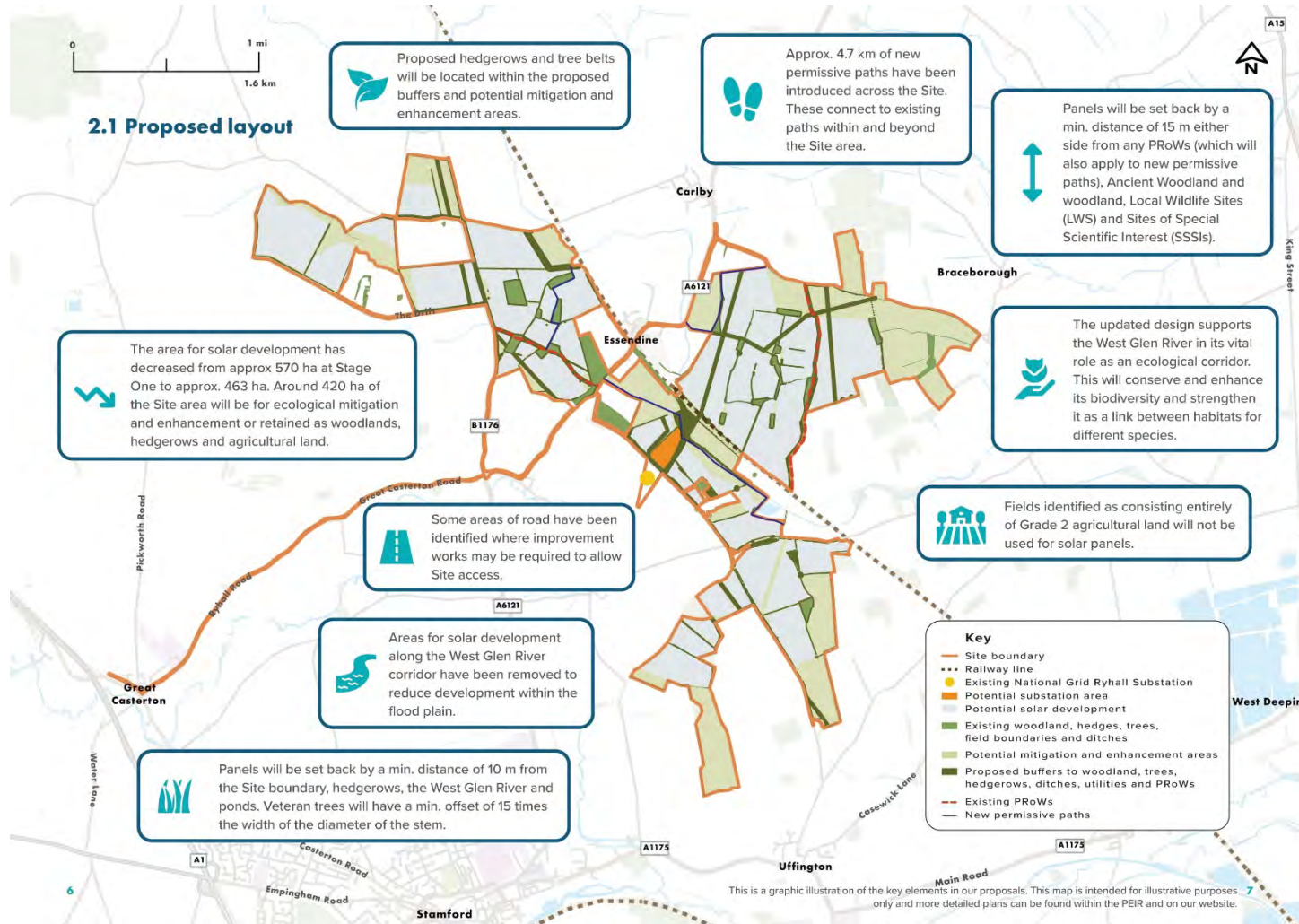
The whole Site equates to approximately 906 hectares (ha) and falls across two administrative boundaries. Approximately 657 ha of the Site falls within Rutland County Council and the remaining 249 ha falls within South Kesteven District Council. The developed area containing solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays (PV site) and infrastructure to connect to the grid will be located on approximately 463 ha. Areas allowing for access to the PV site, including potential highway improvement works during construction, are proposed to cover 23 ha.

In addition, Mallard Pass Solar Farm includes areas for mitigation and ecological improvements, as well as areas that will remain in agricultural use and to provide a respectful distance from people's homes. 420 ha of the Site area is proposed for these uses of mitigation, enhancement and proposed 'buffer zones'. In these areas, we are proposing new enhancements to the local area, such as creating additional publicly-accessible routes, introducing new wildflower and wetland habitats to improve biodiversity, and strengthening connections between different habitats, which would also link to the wider landscape. We also propose to introduce new planting which would provide wildlife and environmental benefits, and to improve some retained agricultural land with plots for ground-nesting skylark.

The plan on the following page is indicative and intended to show our current thinking on the design and layout of the solar farm. We are also exploring whether highway improvement works may be required to allow access to the Site. This includes a small area on the A1 (at the junction with Grantham Lane), which is not visible on the following plan. Our full site location plan is included in our PEIR as Figure 11 and is also available to view on our website.

You can find out more about the design parameters in Chapter 5 of the PEIR published as part of this consultation.

***Our Vision for Mallard Pass is to support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.***



## 2.2 Visual impact and residential amenity

**At Stage One, we presented our early-stage proposals based on our project design principles and understanding of the Site characteristics. This included minimum offsets to landscape and ecological features and designations.**

While we have slightly increased our overall Site boundary to include sections of local highway that might require improvement during construction, the area proposed for solar panels has *decreased*, from approximately 570 ha at Stage One to approximately 463 ha at Stage Two. Key to this reduction is the removal of panels from areas identified as being most visible from local properties, this is proposed in order to protect residential amenity and maintain a respectful distance from people's homes. Approximately 420 ha of the Site area is proposed to be used for ecological mitigation and enhancement, or to be retained as woodlands, hedgerows or arable land.

Our residential offsetting strategy has not followed a rigid structure in terms of specific distances. Instead, we have sought to respond to bespoke characteristics of the landscape, particularly making use of existing hedgerows and other natural features. Where there is no existing natural buffer or barrier, we have studied how the landscape has evolved over time and sought to reinstate hedgerows and / or other natural features so that we may align development behind them.

The reduction in the area proposed to be used for solar panels is also a reflection of our increased understanding of the Site and context. Following completion of the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey, fields that were identified as consisting of entirely Grade 2 land have been removed. We also sought to remove any Grade 3a land from areas being proposed for solar arrays, but were unable to avoid these completely due to the dispersed nature of Grade 3a land across the Site. We also removed areas of solar development along the West Glen River corridor in order to reduce development within the flood plain. This has provided us with the opportunity to reduce any potential impacts on protected species that use the river corridor, and to provide ecological habitat enhancement through the creation of new wetland planting, bird / bat / owl boxes, and otter holts.

We have also sought to rationalise the number of vehicular access points to the Site. The construction access strategy has been refined to include one main access to the construction compound, located opposite the existing National Grid Ryhall Substation at Uffington Lane and six further secondary access points across the Site allowing access to the solar array areas. These access points would be retained though operation of the solar farm. This is intended to help minimise any potential disruption to the local road network as well as minimising potential impacts on Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

In addition to the offsetting and screening of the solar panels to protect residential amenity, we have also set out to limit any potential visual impact from particular public vantage points throughout the Site in the form of enhancements to existing landscape features and the introduction of new hedgerows, tree belts and woodland blocks. For example, we are proposing a new tree belt alongside the Macmillan Way where it bisects the Site, in order to help screen the solar panels and reduce any potential visual impact.

The design also includes a series of minimum offsets from solar infrastructure (the perimeter security fencing) to landscape and ecological features and designations. We are maintaining a minimum distance of 15 m either side from any PROWs (which will also apply to proposed permissive paths), Ancient Woodland and Woodland, LWS and SSSIs. A minimum distance of 10 m from Site boundary hedgerows, internal hedgerows, the West Glen River and ponds (where no great crested newts have been identified) has been introduced. Veteran trees will have a minimum offset of 15 times the width of the diameter of the stem.

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## 2.3 Ecological connectivity

**Our updated design supports the West Glen River in its vital role as an ecological corridor. This means conserving and enhancing its biodiversity and strengthening it as a link between habitats for different species and wildlife, such as otters, birds and bats, along with other riparian species.**

This will include the creation of a series of shallow scrapes which can provide ideal conditions for wetland invertebrates and plants, and allow access for waders and their chicks to find food. We are also proposing to install some interpretation boards and wildlife-viewing areas, enabling engagement and connection with the local natural area.

**In addition, we are proposing the following location-specific enhancements:**

- **The Drift Wildflower Grassland Corridor:** creation of 25 m wide wildflower grassland with calcareous species along the northern edge of the Drift.
- **Little Warren Valley Wildflower Grassland:** creation of wildflower grassland with calcareous species in the valley connecting to Little Warren woodland.
- **West Glen Wet Woodland:** creation of riparian habitat which could include wet woodland / wetland planting in areas with no development along the river corridor.

**We are also adopting the following measures at appropriate locations (not restricted to individual locations):**

- **Skylark plots:** areas removed from development would remain as arable farmland with skylark plots to compensate for loss of breeding nest sites.
- **Grazed grassland:** grazed grassland is proposed under solar panels.
- **Hedgerows and Woodland Belts:** infilling and/or enhancement of existing and planting of new hedgerows and woodland belts to provide screening and ecological connections across and beyond the Site.
- **Bird / Bat / Owl boxes:** these will be located at appropriate places across the Site as identified by our ecology advisers in discussions with the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs).
- **Otter holts / layup areas:** located at appropriate points on the West Glen River as identified by our ecology advisers in discussions with the LPAs.



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## 2.4 Recreational opportunities

Our updated proposals have been designed to incorporate elements that you have told us are important to you. For example, we seek to introduce approximately 4.7 km of new permissive paths across the Site.

These permissive paths support recreational connectivity in the area and present opportunities to link into existing walking and horse-riding routes. These new permissive paths include:

- **Essendine to Cariby Road link:** an approximate 1.2 km route linking Essendine to Cariby Road, providing a new off-road route;
- **West Essendine Link Loop:** an approximate 1 km link creating a loop running northwest of Essendine linking back to the existing bridleway, and;
- **West Glen River Corridor:** an approximate 2.5 km link from Stamford Road south-eastward along the river corridor to join the Macmillan Way.

We are also proposing to create natural corridors for public access and interpretation material at appropriate locations across the Site. In the West Glen River corridor, we are proposing a low-key nature area, comprising picnic benches, interpretation boards and small bird hides. Throughout the Site we are proposing sensitive additions of wayfinding material and wooden interpretation boards which could explain key landscape, historic, ecological and biodiversity related features. We are very interested to hear feedback on the potential for also incorporating community uses of certain areas; for example a community orchard, forest school or allotment. With all of these potential new spaces and features, appropriate offsets or screening from the proposed solar development areas have been considered in our updated design to encourage their use.

## 2.5 Land use

One of the key themes raised in response to our Stage One consultation related to the potential impact of the loss of agricultural land and onward impact on UK food security.

The Mallard Pass team has undertaken surveys of the quality of agricultural land included in the proposed development. This includes a site-specific ALC survey to identify and map out the soils across the project area. This has helped inform our design, and our proposals have been refined to reduce the use of the 'Best and Most Versatile' (BMV) agricultural land (land categorised as Grade 1, 2 or 3a). Furthermore, the independent National Food Strategy Review shows that solar farms do not in any way present a risk to the UK's food security<sup>1</sup>.

The Government has also launched Landscape Recovery and Local Nature Recovery schemes which financially incentivise farmers to take land out of production for landscape or ecology improvement. Pilot projects are expected to be circa 500 - 5000 ha, potentially much larger than that required for even the largest solar projects currently contemplated. In that context, solar offers the potential for land to be used for clean power generation, environmental enhancement, soil quality improvement, and landscape and ecology improvements – without the need for government subsidy or grants.

ALC surveys have been undertaken across the Site to understand the quantity and distribution of the agricultural land resource. These results are set out in table 13.1 and 13.2 of Chapter 13 of the PEIR and show that approximately 6% of the Solar PV Site (i.e., area proposed for solar PV arrays) is Grade 2, and 47% categorised as Grade 3a. The surveys indicate there is no Grade 1 land present across the Site. In fact, our surveys show that our proposed Solar PV Site includes only 0.077% of the Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land in all of Rutland and Lincolnshire.

<sup>1</sup>. National Food Strategy (2021), <https://www.nationalfoodstrategy.org/the-report/>.

## 2.6 Technology

### Solar PV arrays

The areas of the Site with solar PV Modules will convert sunlight into electrical current. The PV Modules will be fixed to a Mounting Structure.

There are currently two options for the Mounting Structures which are being considered – Fixed South Facing (FSF) arrays which are orientated on an east-west axis, and Single Axis Tracker (SAT) arrays which are orientated on a north-south axis. Under the SAT system, PV Modules would track from east to west throughout the day and would return to their resting position (facing east) overnight. The FSF arrays have no moving parts and would be fixed at an angle of between 18- and 25-degrees facing south. We are proposing indicatively that (under either system) each solar Module will be approximately up to 2.4 m long and 1.35 m wide. Further, we are also proposing for each Module to be located approximately between 3 m and 8 m away from one another.

The reason for including two options for the Mounting Structures is to allow some flexibility in the type of PV Technology to be used on the Site. This flexibility is in response to the many technological advancements and developments in the solar industry, helping us to ensure that we select the most effective and best-suited technologies for Mallard Pass should our planning application be approved.

### Primary Substation

Mallard Pass Solar Farm will have a single primary substation, located near to the National Grid Ryhall Substation to facilitate the export of electricity from the solar farm to the national grid. This substation will comprise of the electrical infrastructure, including transformers, switchgear and metering equipment required.

This primary substation will also include a control building which will comprise office space and welfare facilities, as well as operational monitoring and maintenance equipment. This will be located within a primary onsite substation compound. The indicative size of this compound is approximated to be 100 m x 200 m, and up to a maximum of 12.5 m in height.

### Battery Energy Storage Systems

Our Stage One consultation proposals stated that we were considering the inclusion of battery storage as part of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Our updated proposals for Mallard Pass do not include energy storage facilities. While we continue to recognise the importance of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in achieving the UK's decarbonisation and energy security needs, we have decided not to bring this aspect of development forward at this time. This decision has been informed by technical and commercial factors, considered alongside the feedback received through our Stage One consultation.

### Grid Connection

Mallard Pass Solar Farm will need a connection to the national grid in order to export the electricity generated from the scheme. This will be completed via underground cables from the Primary Substation (see above), which will be located near to the National Grid Ryhall Substation.

### 3.0 The need for Mallard Pass

**There is a growing body of UK energy and climate change law, policy and guidance working to highlight the urgent need for new energy generation infrastructure, particularly from renewable sources such as solar.**

The UK Government has committed to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and decarbonisation of the energy sector by 2035.

In April 2022, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published their Sixth Assessment Report on the status of global Climate Change. The report concluded that global commitments to decarbonise are not yet sufficient to meet nor sustain a successful track towards containing global temperature rise below 1.5 Celsius, and that many commitments which have been made have not yet been implemented in policy or action.

That same month, the UK Government published its April 2022 British Energy Security Strategy. The first quarter of this year demonstrated how the UK is exposed to volatile energy prices through international energy markets in coal, gas and oil. Price rises in 2022 have and will continue to filter through to consumer bills. In the Strategy, the Prime Minister wrote, "We need a power supply that's made in Britain, for Britain". In particular, the strategy supports a five-fold increase in the deployment of solar technology by 2035, recognising the abundant source of solar energy in the UK and the 85% reduction in solar cost over the last ten years.

By generating clean electricity through solar power, Mallard Pass will make a meaningful contribution to responding to increasing energy demands, meeting carbon targets, and providing low-cost energy.



Mallard Pass Solar Farm has the potential to power in the region of 92,000 UK homes.



Mallard Pass will support low-cost energy generation and increase the reliability of our national grid.



Mallard Pass is beneficial at a national and local level, helping the UK reach urgent climate change targets while also delivering a biodiversity net gain in the local Site area.



Mallard Pass supports green spaces by proposing to connect habitats, enhancing local biodiversity and linking recreational routes.

### 4.0 Environmental information

**Mallard Pass is committed to positively contributing to the local environment. This will not only be done through mitigating measures to address impacts arising from the proposals, but also by including and delivering positive environmental enhancements as an investment in the local environment.**

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the iterative process in which the assessment of environmental impacts is undertaken in parallel with the design process of a development. EIA is used as a tool to identify the potential effects our project might have, and how we can reduce and mitigate impacts on the environment and society. Impacts can be positive or negative and it is our responsibility to seek to enhance positive impacts and reduce negative impacts. Reducing negative impacts can be achieved through project design decisions and through proposing appropriate mitigation measures.

We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to provide the information that is reasonably required for consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of Mallard Pass. This has built upon the initial EIA scoping report, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Scoping Opinion and environmental assessments, in addition to the consultation feedback. The PEIR has discussed and identified the preliminary mitigation measures that might be required to be implemented to reduce any residual impacts upon the environment. This will be further developed as part of the Environmental Statement, which will be submitted with the DCO application.

We are proposing a series of documents to help manage and mitigate the effects of the project during construction, operation, and decommissioning phases, which will be secured as requirements within the DCO. Some of these plans are provided in draft as part of this consultation and include the following:

- Draft outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP);
- Draft outline Framework Landscape and Ecological Management plan (oLEMP);
- Draft outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP); and
- Draft outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP).

We are now sharing the preliminary results of our assessments as part of this consultation. Over the following pages we have summarised our findings in areas including ecology, agricultural land, landscape and visual impacts, water resources and ground conditions, cultural heritage and archaeology, air quality, public access and recreation, and construction and traffic, which were raised most commonly during our previous Stage One consultation. For more details and other topic areas please refer to the individual chapters within the PEIR document.

As with the updated design proposals, we want to hear further feedback on the information presented in our PEIR in order to help us further refine our proposals.

## 4.1 Ecology and biodiversity

The potential impacts of Mallard Pass have been considered in relation to Ecology and Biodiversity as part of our EIA. Chapter 7 of these PEIR further considers the potential effects.

Our PEIR (Paragraph 7.4.2) explains that the existing biodiversity networks have been taken into consideration, and measures will be introduced to not only retain but enhance the overall biodiversity of the Site.

Our approach has been to identify existing habitats and their condition across the Site, seek to retain these habitats as part of the design process of the development proposals, and to propose new areas for biodiversity enhancements. The majority of the Solar PV Site currently consists of arable farmland which is of low ecological value with a network of hedgerows, drains and ditches, in addition to blocks of woodland. This offers good opportunities to deliver ecological enhancements through the introduction of more species-diverse habitats to supplement the existing retained features across the Site. We intend to deliver a biodiversity net gain across the Site – this will be done through the introduction of measures including buffers of wildflower grassland planting, habitat creation measures and retaining a vast majority of the Habitats of Principle Importance (HPI) within the Site. There are no statutory designated sites within the proposed red line boundary, but it has been noted that there are several designated sites bordering and adjacent.

An outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) and outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) will be included within the DCO application to set out the location of the protection measures within both the construction and decommissioning phases of the project. These documents will include measures such as fencing details to prevent accidental damage and water pollution control measures.

## 4.2 Landscape and visual impacts

We have assessed the potential impacts from Mallard Pass on landscape and visual receptors. This is further developed within Chapter 6 of the PEIR.

Being sensitive to the local landscape is key in producing the design for Mallard Pass. As such, the Landscape and Visual Assessment (LVIA) process has been utilised as a design tool for the evolution of the development.

The landscape of the Site has an undulating topography, with the lowest part running through the centre of the Site around the West Glen River, partly along the route of the railway line, at approximately 15 m. Whereas, the highest elevation of the Site, at approximately 69 m, is present in the north-western portion of the Site.

The Site is also interspersed with woodland and connecting hedgerows which will be retained and assist in breaking up the massing of development and screen and filter views of the Solar PV Site from further afield.

A comprehensive Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy has been developed to improve the quality and connectivity of habitats at a landscape scale across the Site. Along with the GI Strategy, there will be very limited vegetation removal with the existing woodland remaining incorporate Mallard Pass within the existing field structure pattern.

Due to the existing established boundary vegetation, undulating topography, and relatively low heights of the components of this scheme, the potential impact on visual receptors will be contained within an area approximately 500 m to 1 km from the Solar PV. The Zone of Visual Influence is illustrated on Figure 6.7 of the PEIR.

Where the Site is near to settlements such as Essendine, Carby, Ryhall and Belmesthorpe, and individual residential properties, it has been set back from these edges, to reduce the potential visual impact.

A number of plans, cross-sections and photomontage viewpoints have been produced as part of the LVIA to assist with understanding the potential impacts of the proposals, and to illustrate the proposed mitigation measures. The photomontages can be viewed in Figure 6.9.1 to 6.9.10.

## 4.3 Agricultural land

We have assessed potential impacts from Mallard Pass on agricultural land use as part of our EIA and Chapter 13 of the PEIR considers the potential effects of the Proposed Development.

The Solar PV Site comprises of arable fields, which are divided through the inclusion of hedgerows, drains and ditches. Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) maps for the area, which are available to view in Figure 13.1 of the PEIR, indicate that the majority consists of Grade 3 land along with pockets of Grade 2 towards the southern extents of the Site area. Subsequent onsite surveys have identified that approximately 6% of the Solar PV Site (i.e., area proposed for solar PV arrays) is Grade 2, and 47% categorised as Grade 3a. To place this in context, the area of BMV agricultural land within the Solar PV Area is a small fraction (0.077%) of the overall land area of Rutland and Lincolnshire that is identified as being of BMV quality.

The results of the ALC survey, and predicted impacts of the proposed development set out in Chapter 13 of the PEIR and are documented with an ALC Report, under Appendix 13.1 of the PEIR.

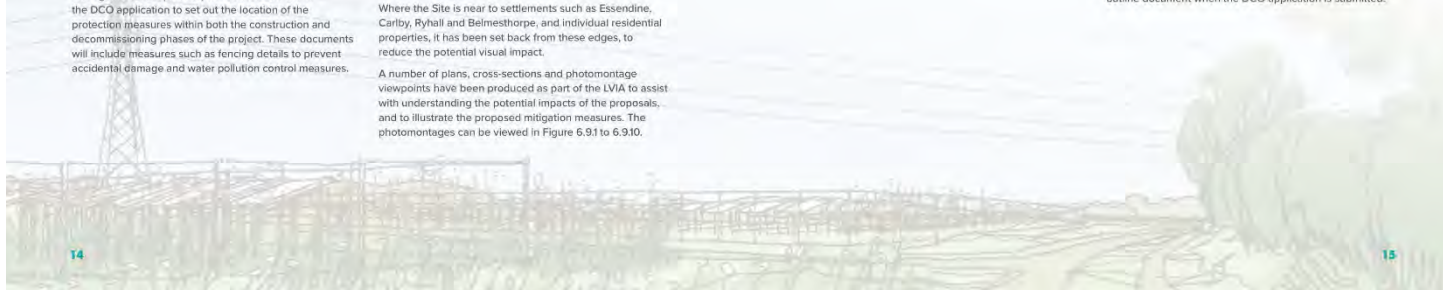
The PEIR assessments have been based on a worst-case scenario which has assumed permanent impacts. However, the vast majority of land within the Solar PV area will not be 'sealed' and it is likely that the land will be returned to agricultural use once decommissioning takes place. As such, the agricultural land resource is not 'lost', it will be just unavailable for food production during the operation of Mallard Pass.

The potential adverse effects on the agricultural land (both on the soils and the land quality) is greatest during the construction phase. However, through a combination of careful mitigation, management, and good practice measures, which would be implemented through the oCEMP during the construction phase, the agricultural land quality and the effect to soils could be minimised.

Some of the land which is Grade 2 has been excluded from the Solar PV Site. These fields along with other fields have been removed from the Solar PV Site. However, they will be retained as Mitigation and Enhancement Areas and will continue to be managed in arable use.

There will be ongoing management of the grassland beneath the PV Arrays and the landscape buffers but there should be no requirement for trafficking of soils or ground disturbance relating to the solar panels, other than any periodic maintenance requirements which may include the replacement of panels. There will be changes to farming practices within the Solar PV Site for the duration of the Proposed Development. Arable farming will be unlikely, but grassland farming and biodiversity land management will occur.

An outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) will be submitted as part of the DCO application, and this will discuss how we will manage the land across the Site, including underneath the panels. As part of this consultation a draft oLEMP is provided which outlines the structure of the document and what to expect within the outline document when the DCO application is submitted.



## 4.4 Water resources and ground conditions

We have assessed potential impacts from Mallard Pass on the Water Resources and Ground Conditions as part of our EIA. Chapter 12 of the PEIR considers the potential effects of the Proposed Development.

The majority of the Site is located within Flood Zone 1 and has a low risk from fluvial and tidal flooding. Smaller areas of Flood Zone 2 (medium risk) and Flood Zone 3 (high risk) are present along the alignment of the West Glen River. Areas for potential solar development have been removed along the West Glen River corridor in order to remove the majority of PV Arrays from the flood plain.

As part of the DCO application submission, a Water and Construction Management Plan (WCMP) will be submitted. This document describes the water management measures to control surface water runoff and drain hardstanding and other structures during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Proposed Development.

Chapter 12 of the PEIR notes that there will be no significant impacts on neighbouring watercourses or ground conditions as a result of the proposed development.

However, several mitigation measures are being proposed in any case, both during construction and operation of the development, to manage any potential impacts. These include maximising the buffer distances between construction areas and watercourses. Other mitigation measures being considered as part of the updated design include the installation of silt traps and buffer strips to minimise possible sedimentation and erosion. Alongside the above, other sustainable drainage systems measures are being considered such as the use of settlement lagoons.

The Flood Risk Assessment undertaken to support the DCO concludes that the risks of flooding from all watercourses is considered to be negligible.

## 4.5 Cultural heritage and archaeology

Potential impacts have been considered in Chapter 8 of the PEIR. Our initial findings show that the Site is not subject to any statutory heritage designations.

There are four Scheduled Monuments within 1 km of the Site boundary, including: Essendine Castle, located approximately 50 m from the Site boundary to the north of the Site boundary close to Essendine; Castle Dyke, located approximately 300 m north-west of the Site; and Shillingthorpe Park medieval settlement and Causeway Camp, located approximately 300 m to the east and south of the Site, respectively.

One further Scheduled Monument, the site of a Roman town, is located immediately south of the proposed construction access route at Casterton.

With regard to the potential impacts of the development upon historic landscape character and the 'setting' of heritage assets, offsets and landscape buffers have been introduced to the design to avoid any significant effects. Further detailed site assessment will be undertaken to identify additional opportunities for localised 'landscape screening' to ensure that the impact on the values (significance) of any affected heritage assets can be avoided or minimised. At this stage and with this mitigation in place, it is considered that there will not be likely significant effects to built heritage assets arising from our proposals.

Through environmental mitigation and enhancement, such as planting, there is the opportunity to ensure that the impact on the values of any affected heritage assets can be minimised or avoided.

In order to minimise potential impact on archaeological remains, geophysical data will be assessed in further detail, alongside more detailed desk-based assessment to provide a robust model of the potential for archaeological remains within the Solar PV Site. This will be supported by targeted further field evaluation and designed in consultation with the relevant heritage stakeholders.

## 4.6 Air quality

Chapter 11 of the PEIR discusses the potential Air Quality impacts of Mallard Pass in more detail following the initial discussions surrounding the potential impacts held with the EIA.

The Site is not situated within an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), the closest AQMA is located within South Kesteven District Council's administrative area and approximately 23 km North-West of the Site, located in Grantham.

It is expected that should any impacts on Air Quality occur, this will be during the construction and potential future decommissioning phases. At the construction phase, construction traffic over the 24-month period has the potential to affect existing sensitive receptors along the roadside. To ensure these potential impacts are addressed, an outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) will be introduced to minimise dust emissions and establish non-road mobile machinery controls during the construction phase to control potential impacts.

It is anticipated that during the operational phase of Mallard Pass, it is expected that there will likely be no significant environmental effects to air quality. During a future decommissioning phase, while it is assumed that the number of construction vehicles will be no greater than the construction phase, the baseline air quality conditions are expected to improve during the intervening operation period due to improving vehicle technology resulting in no potential impacts being anticipated.

Potential Air Quality Impacts upon the Proposed Development will be discussed further within the Outline Construction Management Plan (oCTMP) and the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP).

## 4.7 Amenity and recreation

The potential public amenity and recreation impacts as a result of Mallard Pass have been considered further within PEIR Chapters 6, 9 and 16 and LVIA Appendix 6.1 to 6.5.

There are six Public Rights of Way (PRoW) which traverse the landscape in and around the Solar PV Site, and these shall continue to be incorporated through the proposed design.

No PRoWs will be closed during the operation of Mallard Pass. However, during construction it might be a requirement that some pathways may be temporarily closed for safety reasons. If this is the case closures will be for the minimum possible timeframe. As we were made aware during Stage One consultation feedback, these paths are important for recreational amenity in the area and therefore the layout of the Solar PV Site and how the proposals are constructed have been designed to reduce the potential impacts. For instance, setbacks and screening have been introduced into the design of the proposal to seek to minimise impacts upon the existing recreational footpath network.

Several permissive pathways are proposed as part of the development. These have been located to connect into existing routes and create new links to areas such as the West Glen River corridor.



## 4.8 Construction and traffic

The potential construction impacts and traffic movements due to Mallard Pass have been discussed in further detail in Chapter 9 of the PEIR and are part of the EIA.

If Mallard Pass receives development consent, it is anticipated that the construction phase could take around 24 months and the earliest construction is anticipated to start in Summer 2026. The final programme will be dependent on the final layout design and potential environmental constraints on the timing of construction activities.

We anticipate that working hours onsite will run from 7 am until 7 pm. Working days will be Monday to Saturday (working days will be one 12-hour shift). The number of staff on Site at any one point will vary during construction – it is assumed that they will be an average of 100 to 150 staff to be across the Site at one time, with potential for up to 400 staff being required during the peak period of construction.

The assessment will be based on a worst-case scenario for light goods vehicles (LGV) trips and worst case for heavy goods vehicles (HGV) trips. Therefore, construction of the proposed development will require a worst-case of 105 two-way daily LGV trips and 54 two-way daily HGV trips.

Three potential key construction access routes have been identified, which are assessed and presented within Chapter 9 of the PEIR. Through consultation with the stakeholders regarding the access strategy, it is currently assumed that HGVs will arrive from the west via B1081 Old Great North Road, Ryhall Road, and the A6121 Essendine Road. Before accessing the primary construction compound located opposite of the existing Ryhall Substation, then finally departing via the junction of the A47 via the A15, Raymond Mays Way (south of Bourne), West Road, and the A6121 Stamford Road towards the east. The only link within the study area required to accommodate two-way HGV flows is Uffington Lane, where the access to the primary construction compound is to be situated approximately km to the south-east of the junction with the A6121 Essendine Road.

We recognise the potential impact of construction on our neighbours and communities. Therefore, we will put in place a plan designed to ensure potential impacts are managed and properly communicated. So, as part of this consultation, we have included a draft Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) which can be found within Chapter 9 of the PEIR under Appendix 9.5. The purpose of the oCTMP is to set out the management, mitigation and monitoring strategy for construction traffic for the Proposed Development. The draft oCTMP relates only to the construction phase and considers the management of traffic associated with construction activities and the anticipated construction compounds, vehicle routing and site access, signage and site arrangement, mitigation measures and measures. This will be turned into a detailed CTMP prior to the implementation of the development and will include monitoring and review mechanism to ensure impacts are minimised through construction.

Also, an outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) will be prepared, which will focus on the wider environmental management and mitigation measures, rather than focusing solely on traffic. The oCEMP along with the oCTMP are 'live' documents and will be updated, when necessary, by the contractor's input to set out the strategy to manage construction vehicle access to the Site and manage construction the environmental effects of the Site, as discussed in Chapter 9 of the PEIR.

## 4.9 Site selection

The process for arriving at the chosen Site is outlined in Chapter 4 of the PEIR, with reference to the factors influencing site selection from draft NPS EN-3, namely grid connection and capacity, site topography, land ownership, proximity of the site to dwellings, environmental considerations, land use and accessibility. Having regard to the guidance in PINS Advice Note 7, Chapter 4 of the PEIR explains the reasonable alternatives considered and the reasons for the chosen option, taking into account the effect of the Proposed Development on the environment.

Chapter 4 of the PEIR also considers the ability of brownfield land to accommodate the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

One of the key drivers influencing the location of the Site was the availability of a suitable grid connection, with sufficient capacity to enable the power generated from the solar farm to feed back into the grid. Following a review to identify which of the land in proximity to the substation may be appropriate for solar from a technical, environmental and community perspective, Windel Energy then commenced discussions with landowners to identify whether there was a willingness to enter into lease agreements. This led to the identification of the proposed development Site which is considered to be suitable for solar for several reasons including:

- It has a gently undulating topography which is technically suitable and ensures maximum efficiency of the solar panels.
- There are relatively few residential properties in immediate proximity to the Site and the impact on those that are can be effectively mitigated through offsets and sensitive landscaping.
- The Site is favourably located in relation to sensitive ecological and heritage designations, compared to areas further west and south, with the opportunity to provide appropriate mitigation.
- The ALC is Grade 3, with small pockets of Grade 2, with the opportunity to limit the level of Grade 3a BMV land proposed for solar panels.

Further detail on this process is explained in Chapter 4 of the PEIR.



## 4.10 Summary of effects

The assessment process which is outlined in the PEIR has identified some potentially significant impacts upon the environment which will require mitigation to make the development proposals acceptable. Where this is the case, we are proposing mitigation measures which will reduce the impact on surrounding properties and the environment.

Some of these mitigation measures have been developed through the project and embedded into the design and layout of the Proposed Development, referred to as embedded mitigation. Others require specific working methods to be adopted in order to address the impacts identified.

Chapter 20 of the PEIR presents the potential significant environmental effects of Mallard Pass, our proposed mitigation measures and the residual effects for each of the assessed environmental topics. In summary, prior to mitigation, significant effects are predicted in relation to:

- Landscape and Visual
- Noise and Vibration
- Agricultural Land
- Glint and Glare
- Climate Change

There is, however, scope to mitigate, and therefore to reduce the impact of these effects, through the combination of embedded mitigation measures, and through implementation of management strategies.

After mitigation, the only topics that are predicted to have any residual significant effects are Landscape and Visual and Climate Change (the impacts of climate change being positive).

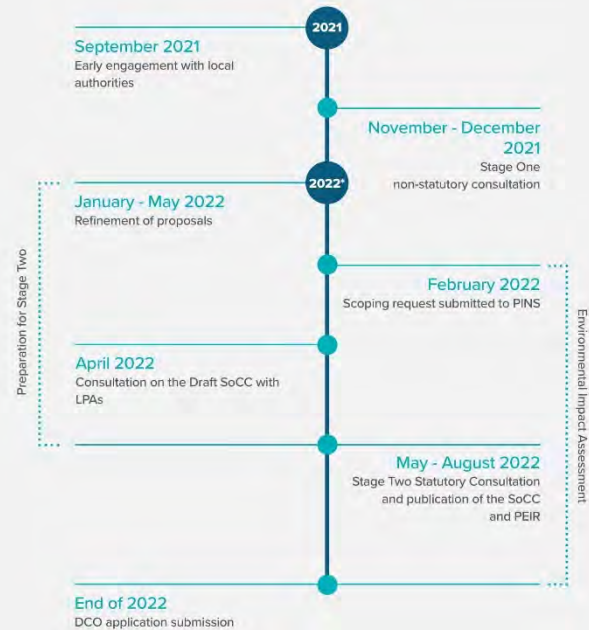
Other topics areas assessed in the PEIR are not predicted to result in significant effects, even before mitigation. However, mitigation measures, both embedded and set out in management strategies, will be applied to minimise impacts upon the environment. This applies to the following topics:

- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Access and Highways
- Air Quality
- Water Resources and Ground Conditions
- Socio-economics
- Ecology
- Arboriculture
- Major Accidents and Disasters

The design of Mallard Pass is an iterative process and will continue to develop through consultation with statutory and non-statutory consultees. The final design parameters will be considered in detail by the teams environmental and technical specialists, who will also review and update the impacts of the development, and appropriate mitigation requirements.

## 5.0 Project timeline

We will be applying to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application will be subject to examination by an independent examining authority appointed by the Secretary of State and that examination will be administered by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The decision whether to grant development consent will be taken by the Secretary of State for BEIS.



\*All future dates are indicative and subject to change.

## 6.0 Find out more and have your say

### Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation

We are holding our Stage Two Statutory Consultation between 26 May and 04 August 2022. We are consulting on our developed plans for Mallard Pass Solar Farm, together with the results from the ongoing series of environmental studies and assessments that have been carried out to date as part of the EIA process.

We are seeking your views on our updated proposals to help inform further design refinement.

### 6.1 Attend an event

We will be holding a series of public information events to provide opportunities to view our consultation materials and speak with members of the project team. The details of the events are:

Date	Venue	Time
Friday 17 June 2022	Online	11 am – 1 pm
Saturday 25 June 2022	Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ	11 am – 5 pm
Wednesday 29 June 2022	Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DR	3 pm – 8 pm
Thursday 30 June 2022	Greatford Village Hall, Cariby Rd, Greatford, Stamford PE9 4PP	3 pm – 8 pm
Friday 01 July 2022	Ryhall Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford	12.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Tuesday 05 July 2022	Online	6 pm – 8 pm

You do not need to register in advance to attend our events. A detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our online events is available on our website ([www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say)).

## 6.2 Community Access Points

Copies of consultation materials will also be available from venues in neighbouring communities.

At our Community Access Points (CAP) sites, you will be able to access copies of the PEIR (and associated PEIR Non-Technical Summary), as well as other consultation documents explaining our consultation process and details of the Mallard Pass proposals. These locations are:

- **Essendine Village Hall**, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ (Opening hours Friday 10 June, 5 pm – 7 pm; Friday 17 June, 10 am – 12 pm. Venue to organise and publicise additional opening hours via local media.)
- **Stamford Arts Centre**, 27 St Mary's St, Stamford PE9 2DL (Opening hours Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 10 pm.)
- **Ryhall Village Hall**, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR (Opening hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 9 pm. Saturday - Sunday, 9 am – 12 pm.)

## 6.3 Visit our website

All consultation materials is available to access and download from our dedicated project website [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents).

If you are unable to attend our in-person events or prefer to work online, please visit our virtual exhibition that contains all the same information as will be at the exhibition events at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Virtual-Exhibition](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Virtual-Exhibition).

## 6.4 Get in touch

You can also request materials and speak with members of the project team by using the contact channels on the back page of this document.

Should you require documents in hard copy (including in large print, audio or braille formats) please contact us at the details provided on the overleaf.

## 6.5 Have your say

Feedback can be provided through our digital engagement platform, accessible at: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say).

Hard copy feedback forms are also available to download and print from our website, to collect at the CAP sites listed above, and may be issued upon request. You can submit your completed feedback form at one of our public information events, or email or post it back to us free of charge.

Any comments and feedback and / or feedback forms can be sent to us by email at [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk), or by post to **FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm** for free (no need for a stamp).

## 7.0 Contact us

### We want to keep you informed and hear your views on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more information about Mallard Pass Solar Farm and our associated consultation programme.

You can contact members of our stakeholder engagement team and find out more using any of our project-dedicated communications lines listed below.



**Email:**

[info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk)



**Freephone information line:**

0808 196 8717



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Our communications lines will remain active for the duration of our consultation on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.



### 9.2.3 FEEDBACK FORM

## Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stage Two Feedback Form

Stage Two Statutory Consultation: Thursday 26 May  
to Thursday 04 August 2022



This feedback form is a way for you to respond to our statutory consultation for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm proposals.

This is a statutory phase of consultation required by law in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. This is because the Mallard Pass Solar Farm is proposed to have a generating capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and, as such, is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

For more information, please visit the Planning Inspectorate website at [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

### We want to hear your thoughts on our updated proposals.

You can provide your feedback using this form or via the following email and Freepost contact details. If more space is needed for your feedback, you may continue on separate piece(s) of paper and submit it along with your completed form.



Email:  
[info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk)



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You can also complete an online version of this form on our website, at [MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say](https://MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say). For any queries on how to provide your feedback, please contact us directly at 0808 196 8717.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of feedback is Thursday 04 August 2022.

You do not have to supply personal details; however, it will help us work towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation period for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Your personal details will be stored in compliance with the GDPR. All details will be held securely and solely for the purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, Development Consent Order (DCO) process and further development of Mallard Pass. Outside of these purposes, we may be required to provide personal details if the Planning Inspectorate requests original responses. Otherwise, personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties. For further details, please see our Privacy Notice at: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Privacy-Policy-GDPR](https://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Privacy-Policy-GDPR).

## About you

### Personal information

Name:  Title:   
 Organisation (if applicable):   
 Address:   
 Postcode:  Telephone:   
 E-mail address:

### Q1: How would you describe your interest in the Mallard Pass Solar Farm proposals?

- Local resident   
  Local representative   
  Local business owner   
  Landowner  
 Regular visitor of the area   
  Local interest group / organisation (please specify in text box below)  
 Statutory organisation (please specify in text box below)  
 Other (please specify):

### Our consultation process

#### Q2: How did you find out about our consultation?

- I received a leaflet   
  I saw it advertised in the media   
  Via a local community group   
  Word of mouth  
 Other (please specify):

#### Q3: Have you attended any of our Stage Two events, or visited our virtual exhibition?

- Yes   
  No (find out more at: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk))

#### Q4: How informative did you find our Stage Two consultation event, virtual exhibition and / or consultation materials?

- Very informative   
  Quite informative   
  Not informative   
  No opinion

To be kept up-to-date with our proposals, sign up to our mailing list at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Contact](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Contact). You can also follow us on Twitter @MallardPass.

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## General questions

### Q5a: Based on our updated Stage Two proposals and the information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), what are your views on Mallard Pass Solar Farm (MPSF)?

- I strongly support MPSF   
  I am undecided   
  I do not support MPSF   
  I strongly oppose MPSF  
 I support MPSF, but would like further changes to be made

### Q5b: Please provide any comments to explain your answer.

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### Project specific feedback: Mitigation and enhancements

#### Visual impact and residential amenity

To mitigate the potential visual impacts of Mallard Pass, we are proposing to implement residential offsets by not using certain fields closest to properties for solar panels, and screening measures to cover certain areas from view. This is proposed to be done through 'buffer zones,' new hedgerows, tree belts and woodland blocks.

Based on Stage One feedback, we are specifically proposing to:

- Reduce by approximately 100 hectares (ha) the area proposed for solar development;
- Offset solar infrastructure by at least 15 metres (m) to Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and Woodland;
- Plant new tree belts along bridleways within the Site;
- Provide bespoke visual mitigation strategies tailored to local properties likely to be impacted.

#### Q6a: Do you agree with our proposed approach to visual impact and residential amenity mitigation?

- Yes, this is the right approach to mitigating visual and residential amenity impacts.
  Partly, I would like to see further changes to this approach.
  No, this is not the right approach to mitigating visual and residential amenity impacts.

#### Q6b: Please provide any comments to explain your answer.

In the text box below, please feel free to share your thoughts on our proposed approach to visual impact and residential amenity mitigation, as well as offer any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

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#### Recreational opportunities

Our proposals include measures to provide further opportunities for recreational connectivity and community leisure across the site. This includes the creation of new, natural open spaces for public use and the addition of new permissive paths. Based on Stage One feedback, we are specifically proposing to:

- Introduce approximately 4.7 km of new permissive paths across the site;
- Create a low-key nature area with picnic benches;
- Install wooden interpretation boards explaining key environmental features;
- Create nature and wildlife-viewing areas for the community.

#### Q7a: Do you agree with our proposed approach to delivering recreational opportunities across the site area?

- Yes, this is the right approach to providing recreational opportunities.
  Partly, I would like to see further changes to this approach.
  No, this is not the right approach to providing recreational opportunities.

#### Q7b: Please provide any comments to explain your answer.

In the text box below, please feel free to share your thoughts on our proposed approach to providing recreational opportunities, as well as offer any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

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### Ecological connectivity

To mitigate potential impacts on the local environment and ecology, we are proposing to enhance ecological connectivity and deliver a biodiversity net gain. We propose to achieve this by creating areas of wildflower grassland, planting wet woodland, and growing new hedgerows to enhance local ecological corridors and wildlife connectivity.

Based on Stage One feedback, we are specifically proposing to:

- Create 108 ha of wildflower and tussock grassland;
- Implement 3.7 ha of natural wetland habitats along the West Glen River;
- Introduce wildflower grassland areas with calcareous species;
- Set up otter holts, skylark plots, and bird, bat and owl boxes.

#### Q8a: Do you agree with our proposed approach to ecological connectivity enhancement and mitigation?

- Yes, this is the right approach to providing ecological connectivity enhancement and mitigation.
  Partly, I would like to see further changes to this approach.
  No, this is not the right approach to providing ecological connectivity enhancement and mitigation.

#### Q8b: Please provide any comments to explain your answer.

In the text box below, please feel free to share your thoughts on our proposed approach to mitigating environmental impacts and enhancing ecological connectivity, as well as offer any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

### Landscape and agriculture

To mitigate impacts on land use and agriculture, we are proposing for fields with no solar panels within the site to be left as arable farmland. For areas with solar panels and along some permissive paths, we are considering potential dual use of the land, meaning that (where possible) the land underneath the solar panels may also be used for a second purpose, in addition to solar energy production.

#### Q9: Please feel free to use the text box below to tell us what you would like to see in these areas.

Examples could include wild foraging spaces; hay / silage production; beekeeping; some form of livestock grazing.

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### Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

As part of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we have produced our PEIR, which is also accompanied by a PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS), a summary of the PEIR in less technical language. These documents comprise the preliminary results of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, containing the findings of the environmental studies and surveys that we have undertaken to date. This work is across a range of environmental topic areas, and also sets out any suitable mitigation measures identified for our proposals.

We used this environmental work, in addition to Stage One feedback, to inform and shape our updated proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. During this Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we want to hear your views on the PEIR and our environmental work to date.

#### Q10: Do you have any comments on the information presented in our PEIR? Please specify any environmental topic areas you are commenting on.

#### Q11: Do you have any further comments on our proposals for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm? Please provide any other feedback you may have in the text box below.

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## Have your say

**Thank you for completing our Stage Two Statutory Consultation feedback form. Your feedback is important to us.**

Following the close of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, on Thursday 04 August 2022, we will carefully consider and have regard to all of the feedback we have received during this period.

All feedback we receive will form part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. In this DCO, we must produce a Consultation Report that, among other elements, details the feedback and consultation responses we have received, and provides responses to this feedback, explaining how we have considered it and the way in which it has influenced our proposals for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

Together with the results of ongoing environmental and technical studies, this will help further refine our proposals for Mallard Pass, and allow us to finalise the details of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project.

Please return this feedback form to us via email or at one of our consultation events. To provide your views via post, put this form in an envelope and address it to: FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm. There is no need for a stamp.

Alternatively, you can answer the same questions on our digital engagement platform via our website at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say).



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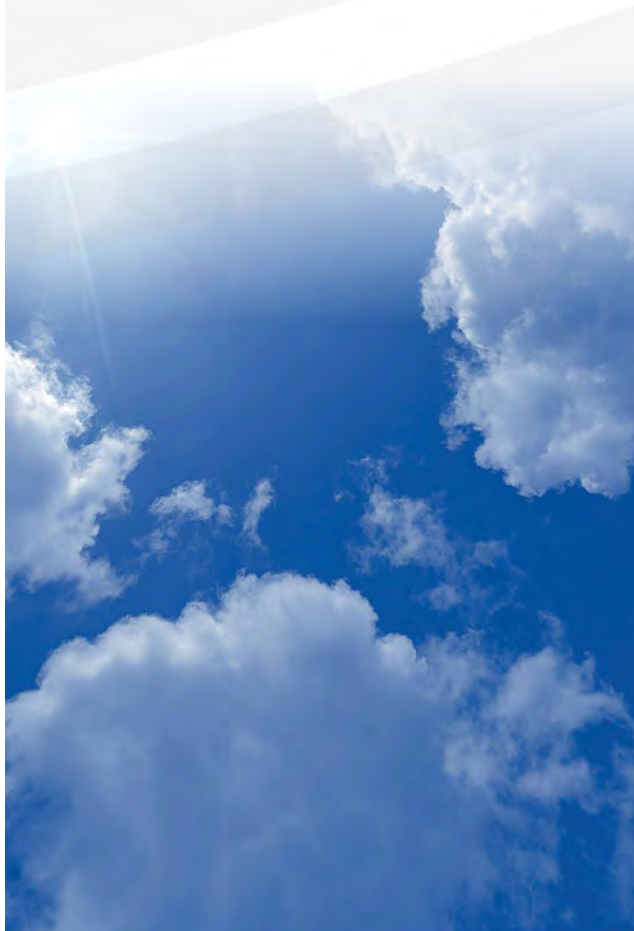


#### 9.2.4 VIRTUAL EXHIBITION BOARDS



**Mallard  
Pass**  
Solar Farm

**Welcome to our  
consultation event**



## Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation

### Windel Energy and Canadian Solar are proposing a new solar farm near Essendine called Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

We introduced our initial proposals during our Stage One, non-statutory phase of consultation, held between 04 November and 16 December 2021. By considering community and stakeholder feedback received during Stage One, alongside the results of the work undertaken to date on our environmental assessments, we have evolved the design for Mallard Pass which we are now sharing for this Stage Two Statutory Consultation.

Our Stage Two consultation will run for ten weeks, from **26 May 2022 to 04 August 2022**.

During this time, we want to hear your feedback on how our proposals for Mallard Pass have developed since Stage One.

We want to hear your comments and ideas on:

- Our developed concept plan, design and layout for Mallard Pass, which have had regard to the comments received during Stage One consultation. This includes how the project could look to local residents and visitors.
- Our suggested mitigation measures to address issues raised through consultation and identified through our preliminary environmental assessment work.
- Our proposed improvement measures to deliver benefits, such as new recreational connectivity and ecology habitats across the site.
- The information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

You can find out more information about our proposals through reading our Main Consultation Document and PEIR, visiting our website, attending one of our upcoming events, or contacting the team using our communication lines.

## Who we are



**Windel Energy**



**CanadianSolar**

- Founded in 2018, Windel Energy is a privately held company that specializes in the development and asset management of renewable energy projects and low carbon technologies.
- Windel is at the forefront of low carbon technologies including solar, energy storage, and wind. As of 2021, Windel has more than 3 gigawatts (GW) of clean, renewable power and battery energy storage in various stages of development.
- Founded in Canada in 2001, Canadian Solar is one of the world's largest solar power companies. It is a leading manufacturer of solar photovoltaic modules and provider of solar energy solutions.



**Mallard  
Pass**  
Solar Farm

- Mallard Pass Solar Farm is being developed by Windel and Canadian, who have appointed a professional project team to provide support and expertise throughout the consenting stages of the project.
- Together, the project team have significant experience of working across solar and Development Consent Order (DCO) projects.
- Mallard Pass Solar Farm is a proposal that aligns with Windel Energy's core commitment to responsible land use and delivering large-scale solar projects that are in harmony with their surroundings.

## Project timeline

We will be applying to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

The DCO application will be subject to examination by an independent examining authority appointed by the Secretary of State and that examination will be administered by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The decision whether to grant development consent will be taken by the Secretary of State for BEIS.



## About Mallard Pass Solar Farm

We are proposing a new solar farm partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland.

The proposals include infrastructure to connect to the national grid, along with mitigation measures, ecological enhancements and opportunities for improved recreational access by the local community. If approved, Mallard Pass will deliver in the region of 350 MW of renewable energy. This means it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

*Our Vision for Mallard Pass is to support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.*

## The need for Mallard Pass

Large-scale solar is being developed in the UK to play a critical role in the fight against climate change while delivering energy security and affordability.

The UK will decarbonise by increasing low carbon electricity generation and by using that electricity to displace fossil fuels from homes, transport and industry. Electricity demand is expected to double by 2050, with this demand being met with clean energy produced through a mix of wind and solar (HMG Energy White Paper, December 2020). Mallard Pass has the potential to power in the region of 92,000 UK homes by generating low-cost renewable energy, while increasing the reliability of our national grid and our own electricity supply.

*By generating clean electricity through solar power, Mallard Pass will make a meaningful contribution to responding to increasing energy demands, meeting carbon targets, and providing low-cost energy.*



Mallard Pass Solar Farm has the potential to power in the region of 92,000 UK homes.



Help the UK reach urgent climate change targets while supporting the local environment by delivering a biodiversity net gain.



Supporting green spaces that connect habitats, enhance biodiversity and link recreational routes.



Support low-cost energy generation that increases the reliability of our National Grid.



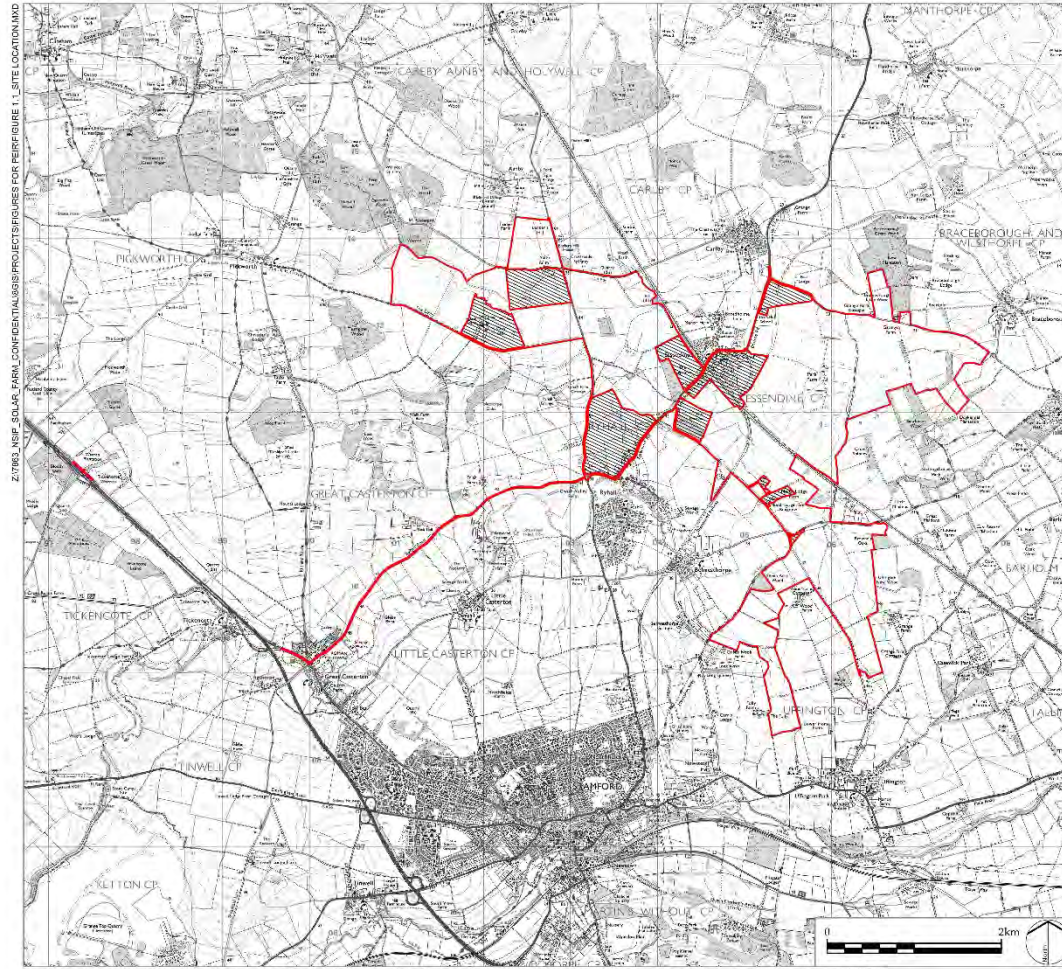
## The site area

**Mallard Pass Solar Farm is proposed to be located on agricultural land either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine.**

The site area for Mallard Pass is partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. It equates to approximately 906 hectares, including areas for solar development, mitigation and enhancement measures, as well as an area for potential highway works.

Feature	Approx. site area
Solar array and connection infrastructure (the solar PV site)	<b>463 hectares</b>
Areas for mitigation and ecological improvements (including existing woodland/hedgerows and associated offsets and continued agriculture)	<b>420 hectares</b>
Areas to allow for potential improvement works for accessing the developed area	<b>23 hectares</b>
Total site	<b>906 hectares</b>

*While we have slightly increased our overall site boundary to include sections of local highway that may require improvement during construction of the proposals, the area proposed for solar panels has decreased from approximately 570 hectares at Stage One, to approximately 463 hectares at Stage Two.*



**LEGEND**

- Site boundary
- Areas outside of Site Boundary

**LDĀ DESIGN**

PROJECT FILE  
**MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM:**  
**PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT**

DRAWING TITLE  
**Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan**

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## Site selection

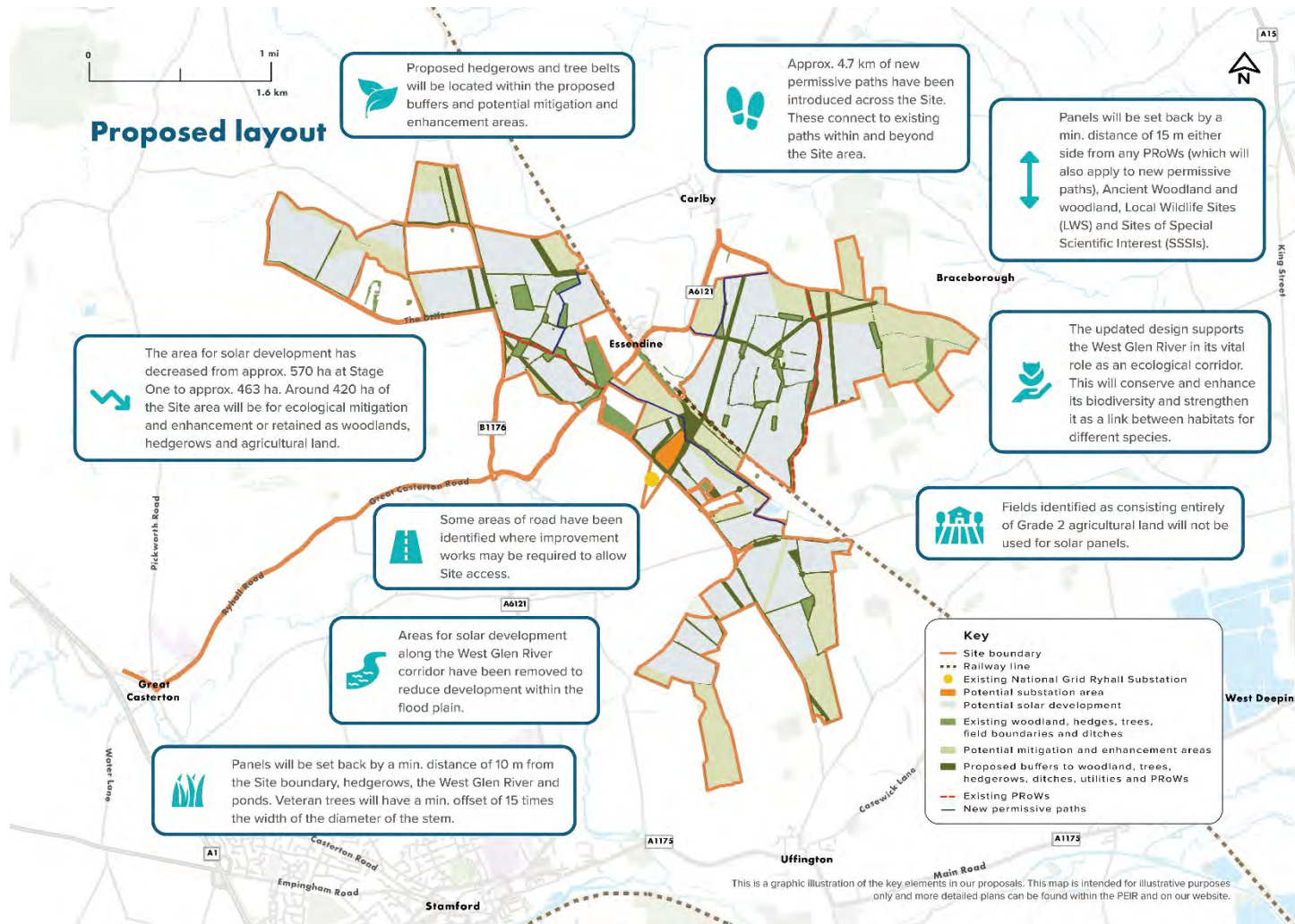
Many characteristics are considered in the selection of appropriate locations for large-scale solar. The site for Mallard Pass performs well against these considerations.

One of the key drivers influencing the location of the site for Mallard Pass was the availability of a suitable grid connection, with sufficient capacity to enable the power generated from the solar farm to feed back into the grid. Following a review to identify which of the land in proximity to the substation may be appropriate for solar from a technical, environmental and community perspective, Windel Energy then commenced discussions with landowners to understand whether there was a willingness to enter into lease agreements. This led to the identification of the proposed site, which is considered to be suitable for solar for several reasons.

These include:

- **Connection to the national grid** – There is sufficient capacity at the existing nearby Ryhall substation.
- **Planning and environmental considerations** – The site is not subject to any protected landscape or spatial designations and is well located in relation to sensitive heritage and ecological assets.
- **Availability of land** – The site has individual landowners, who were agreeable in principle to leasing their land for solar.
- **Topography** – The site has a gently undulating topography which is technically suitable and ensures maximum efficiency of the solar panels.
- **Proximity to people's homes** – Although relatively close to Essendine and some individual homes, there are limited residential properties in the immediate proximity. Through design, the impact on those properties can be effectively mitigated through sensitive landscaping and the location of panels.
- **Accessibility** – The site has good connections to the Strategic Road Network.
- **Land Classification** – The Agricultural Land Classification is Grade 3, with small pockets of Grade 2, with the opportunity to limit the level of Grade 3a (Best and Most Versatile) land proposed for solar panels.

Further detail on this process is explained in Chapter 4 of the PEIR, which also considers the ability of brownfield land to accommodate the proposed solar farm.



## What has changed since Stage One?

Our developed proposals for Mallard Pass have been informed by the feedback we received at Stage One, our environmental assessment and our project design principles.

We have sought to evolve our vision for Mallard Pass in three key ways to address the feedback we have received.

### 1. Reducing impacts to residential properties and higher quality agricultural land

The area proposed for solar panels has decreased from approximately 570 ha at Stage One, to approximately 463 ha.

Approximately 420 ha of the overall Site area will be for ecological mitigation and enhancement or retained as woodlands, hedgerows and agricultural land.

We have reduced the total area for solar panels by removing panels from fields which are entirely Grade 2 agricultural land and also by increasing the distance of the proposed solar panels and infrastructure from people's homes. We are also proposing additional tree and hedgerow screening to protect residential amenity.

In addition, new hedgerow planting, tree belts and woodland blocks have been introduced to limit any potential visual impact from particular public vantage points throughout the Site.

### 2. Enhancing biodiversity and ecological connectivity

Our updated design will enhance biodiversity and ecological connectivity across the site through the creation of new habitats, including wildflower and grassland, improving the connectivity of existing habitats through new native tree and hedgerow planting, and allowing existing hedgerows to grow out more fully to the benefit of a wide range of local wildlife species.

**The development proposals include 420 ha of land outside of the solar array area to deliver mitigation and enhancement to the local landscape, this includes:**

- The Drift Wildflower Grassland Corridor and Little Warren Valley Wildflower Grassland: creation of over 30 ha of wildflower grassland with calcareous species.
- West Glen Wet Woodland: creation of 3.7 ha of riparian habitat which could include wet woodland or carr planting in areas with no development along the river corridor.
- Sitewide wildflower and tussock grassland planting: creation of over 108 ha of this habitat across the site.
- We are also adopting skylark plots, grazed grassland, hedgerows and woodland belts, bird, owl, and bat boxes, and otter holts/layup areas at appropriate locations.

### 3. Supporting recreational and amenity opportunities

We are supporting recreational and amenity opportunities by retaining all Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the site.

We have introduced approximately 4.7 km of new permissive paths across the site.

**These permissive paths include:**

- Essendine to Carlby Road link: an approximate 1.2 km route linking Essendine to Carlby Road providing a new off-road route;
- West Essendine Link Loop: an approximate 1 km link creating a loop running northwest of Essendine linking back to the existing bridleway, and;
- West Glen River Corridor: an approximate 2.5 km link from Stamford Road south-eastward along the river corridor to join the Macmillan Way.

## Technology

### Solar PV arrays

The areas of the Site with solar photovoltaic (PV) modules will convert sunlight into electrical current. The PV Modules will be fixed to a Mounting Structure.

There are currently two options for the Mounting Structures which are being considered – Fixed South Facing (FSF) arrays which are orientated on an east west axis, and Single Axis Tracker (SAT) arrays which are orientated on a north south axis. Under the SAT system, PV Modules would track from east to west throughout the day and would return to their resting position (facing east) overnight. The FSF arrays have no moving parts and would be fixed at an angle of between 18 and 25-degrees facing south. We are proposing indicatively that (under either system) each solar module will be approximately up to 2.4 m long and 1.35 m wide.

The reason for including two options for the Mounting Structures is to allow some flexibility in the type of PV Modules used on the Site in response to technological developments in the solar industry, ensuring the most effective technologies can be installed, should the DCO be approved. Each solar module will be located approximately between 3m and 8m away from one another.

### Primary Substation

Mallard Pass Solar Farm will have a single primary substation, located near to the Ryhall Substation to facilitate the export of electricity from the solar farm to the National Grid. This substation will comprise of the electrical infrastructure, including transformers, switchgear and metering equipment required.

This primary substation will also include a control building which will include office space and welfare facilities, as well as operational monitoring and maintenance equipment. The above will be located within a primary onsite substation compound. The indicative size of this compound will be approximately 100 m x 200 m and up to a maximum 12.5 m in height.

### Battery Energy Storage Systems

Our Stage One consultation proposals stated that we were considering the inclusion of battery storage as part of these proposals. Our updated proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm do not include energy storage facilities. While we continue to recognise the importance of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in achieving the UK's decarbonisation and energy security needs, our design development process has not found it appropriate to include them in this scheme at this time. This decision has been informed by technical and commercial factors, considered alongside the feedback received through our Stage One consultation.

### Grid Connection

Mallard Pass Solar Farm will need a connection to the National Grid in order to export the electricity generated from the scheme. This will be completed via underground cables from the primary substation (see above), which will be located near to the Ryhall National Grid Substation.



- LEGEND**
- Site Boundary
  - Existing Woodland
  - Existing Hedgerow / Marge
  - Existing Watercourse / Drain
  - Public Right of Way
- Proposed Design / Proposed Development Features**
- Proposed Tussock Grassland with Wildflowers
  - Proposed Willowher Grassland with Calcareous Species
  - Proposed Grazed Grassland
  - Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Woodland Copse
  - Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Tree Belt
  - Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Hedgerows
  - Proposed Access Point and Internal Track
  - Proposed Primary On-site Substation
  - Proposed Permissive Footpath
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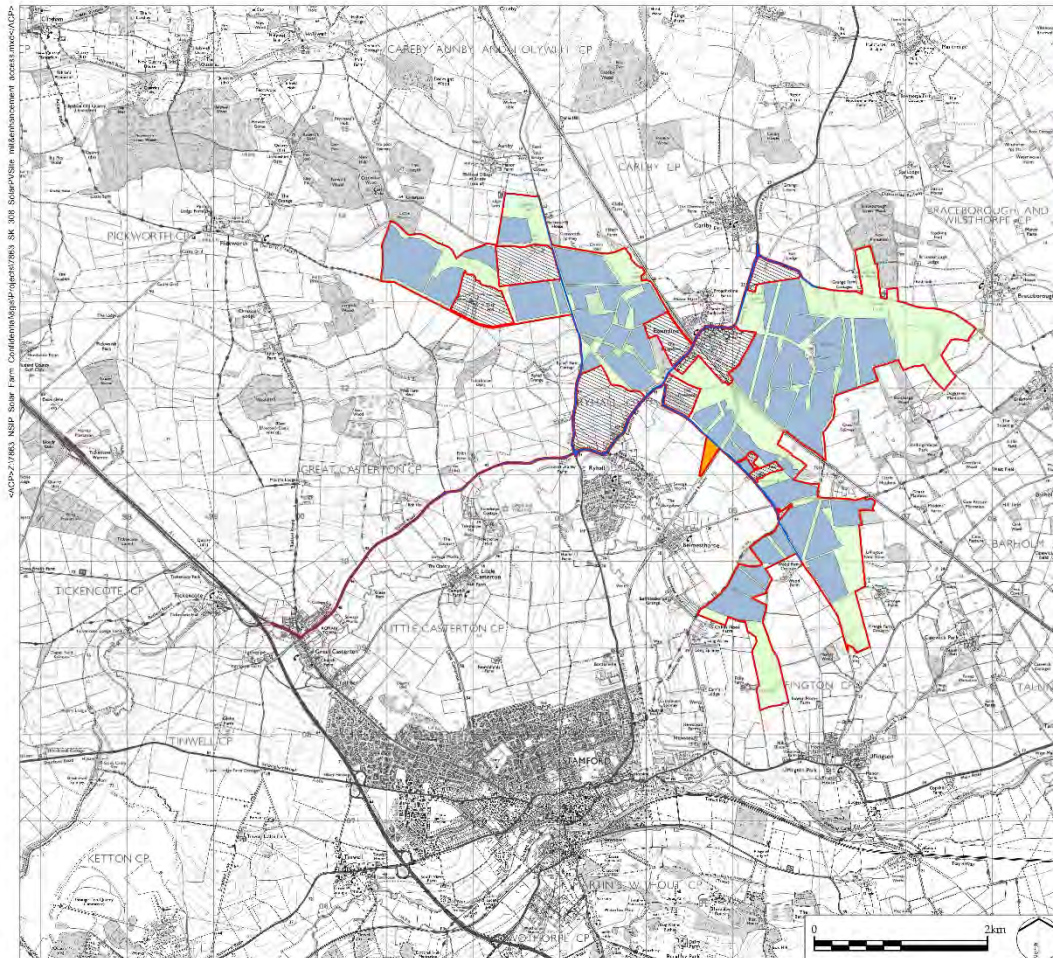
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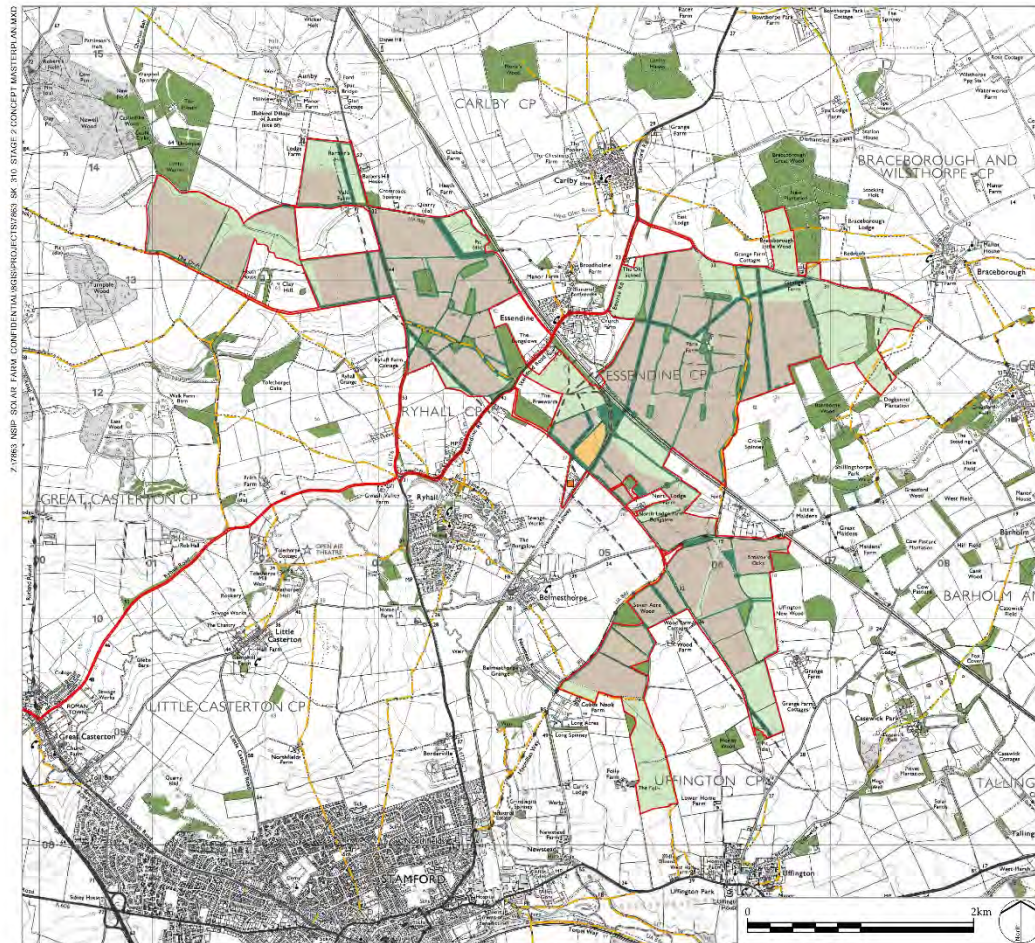
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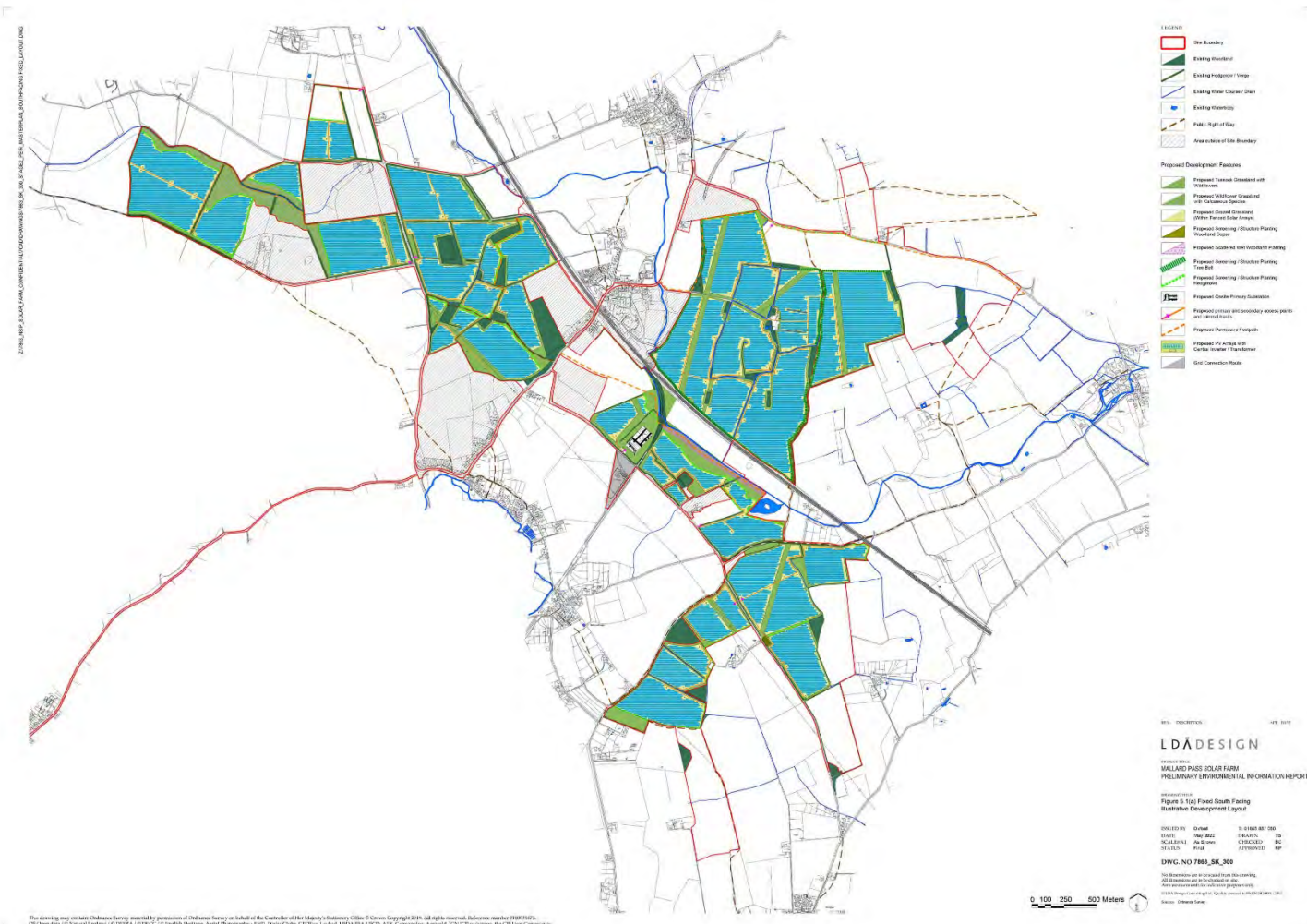
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## Environmental information

### Mallard Pass is committed to positively contributing to the local environment.

This will be done through mitigation measures to address impacts arising from the proposals, and deliver positive environmental enhancements as an investment in the local environment.

To identify the potential effects our project might have, and understand how we can reduce and mitigate impacts on the environment and society, environmental assessments are undertaken in parallel with the design process of our development. This is known as the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

#### Preliminary Environmental Information Report

We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to provide the results of our environmental assessments undertaken so far. This has been published as part of our Stage Two consultation for information and feedback.

The PEIR sets out the preliminary mitigation measures that may be required to reduce any residual impacts upon the environment, which will be further developed as part of the Environmental Statement, which will be submitted with the DCO application.

We are proposing a series of documents to help manage and mitigate the effects of the project during construction, operation, and decommissioning phases, which will be secured as requirements within the DCO. Some of these plans are provided in draft as part of this consultation, including:

- Draft outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP);
- Draft outline Landscape and Ecological Management plan (oLEMP);
- Framework Travel Plan;
- Draft outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP); and
- Draft outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP).



## Environmental information

**We are now sharing the preliminary results of our assessments as part of this consultation.**

The PEIR, associated Non-Technical Summary, and Main Consultation Document, summarise our findings in areas including:

- Ecology;
- agricultural land;
- landscape and visual impacts;
- water resources and ground conditions;
- cultural heritage and archaeology;
- air quality;
- public access and recreation; and
- construction and traffic;

For more details and other topic areas please refer to the individual chapters within the PEIR document.

As with the updated design proposals, we want to hear further feedback on the information presented in our PEIR in order to help us further refine our proposals.



## Summary of effects

The assessment process which is outlined in the PEIR has identified some potentially significant impacts upon the environment which will require mitigation to make the development proposals acceptable.

Where this is the case, we are proposing mitigation measures which will reduce the impact on surrounding properties and the environment. Some of these mitigation measures have been developed through the project and embedded into the design and layout, referred to as embedded mitigation. Others require specific working methods to be adopted in order to address the impacts identified.

Chapter 20 of the PEIR presents the potential significant environmental effects of Mallard Pass, our proposed mitigation measures and the residual effects for each of the assessed environmental topics. In summary, prior to mitigation, significant effects are predicted in relation to:

- Landscape and Visual
- Noise and Vibration
- Agricultural Land
- Glint and Glare
- Climate Change

There is scope to mitigate, and therefore reduce the impact of effects, through the combination of embedded mitigation measures, and through implementation of management strategies.

After mitigation, the only topics that are predicted to have a residual significant effects are **Landscape and Visual** and **Climate Change** (the impacts of climate change being positive).

Other topics areas assessed in the PEIR are not predicted to result in significant effects, even before mitigation. However, mitigation measures, both embedded and set out in management strategies, will be applied to minimise impacts upon the environment. This applies to the following topics:

- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Access and Highways
- Air Quality
- Water Resources and Ground Conditions
- Socio-economics
- Ecology
- Arboriculture
- Major Accidents and Disasters

The design of Mallard Pass is an iterative process and will continue to develop through consultation. The final design parameters will be considered in detail by environmental and technical specialists, who will also review and update the impacts of the development, and appropriate mitigation requirements.

## Have your say

We want to hear your feedback on our updated proposals.  
Our Stage Two consultation will run between  
26 May and 04 August 2022.

To have your say, please:

- Complete our online feedback form at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk)
- Return a written feedback form to **FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm**.
- Tell us your comments by contacting us by **email**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more information about Mallard Pass Solar Farm and our associated consultation programme.

You can contact members of our stakeholder engagement team and find out more using any of our project-dedicated communications lines listed below.



**Email:**

[info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk)



**Freephone information line:**

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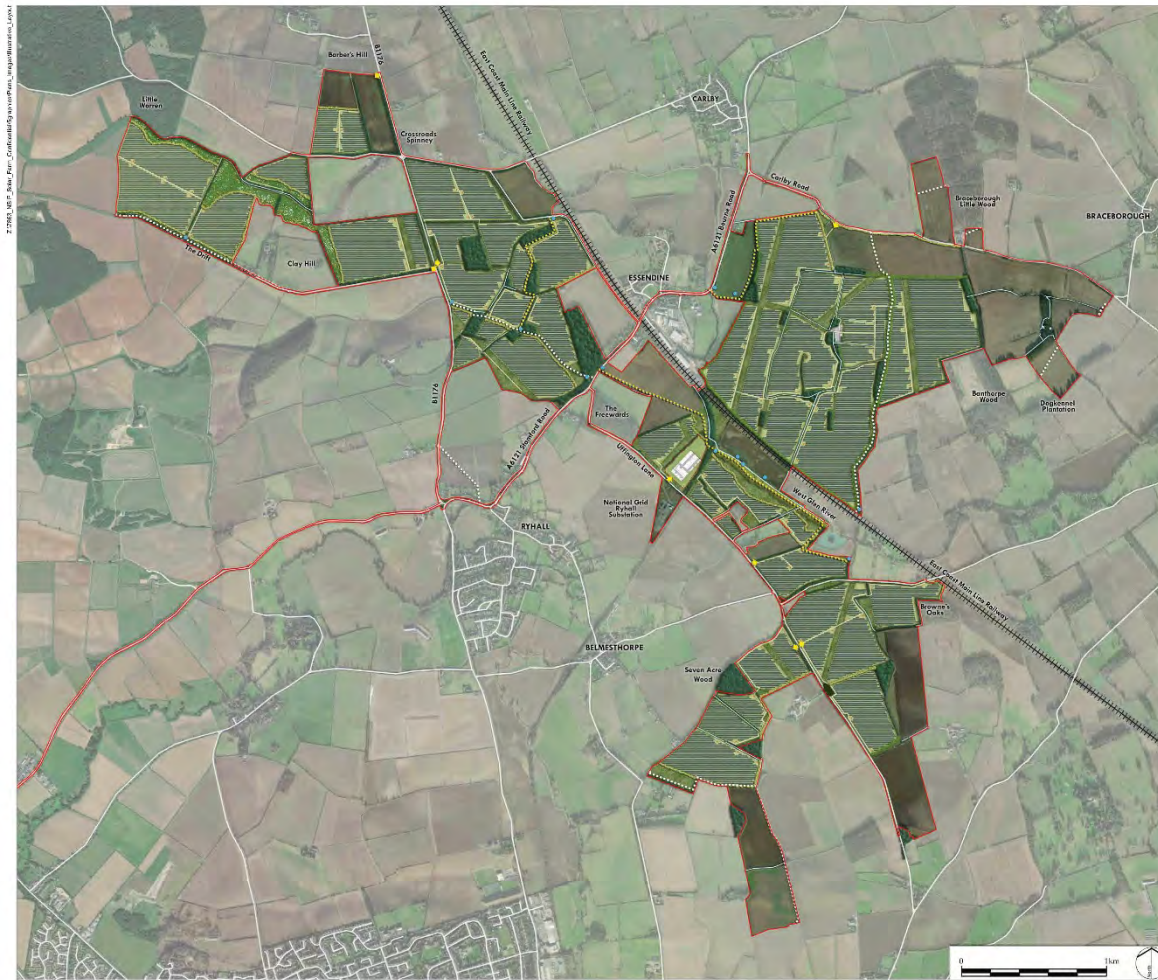
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Our communications lines will remain active for the duration of our consultation on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.



## 9.2.5. MAPS





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- Site Boundary
  - Existing Woodland
  - Existing Hedgerow / Marge
  - Existing Watercourse / Drain
  - Public Right of Way
- Proposed Design / Proposed Development Features**
- Proposed Tussock Grassland with Wildflowers
  - Proposed Wildflower Grassland with Calcareous Species
  - Proposed Grazed Grassland
  - Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Woodland Copse
  - Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Tree Belt
  - Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Hedgerows
  - Proposed Access Point and Internal Track
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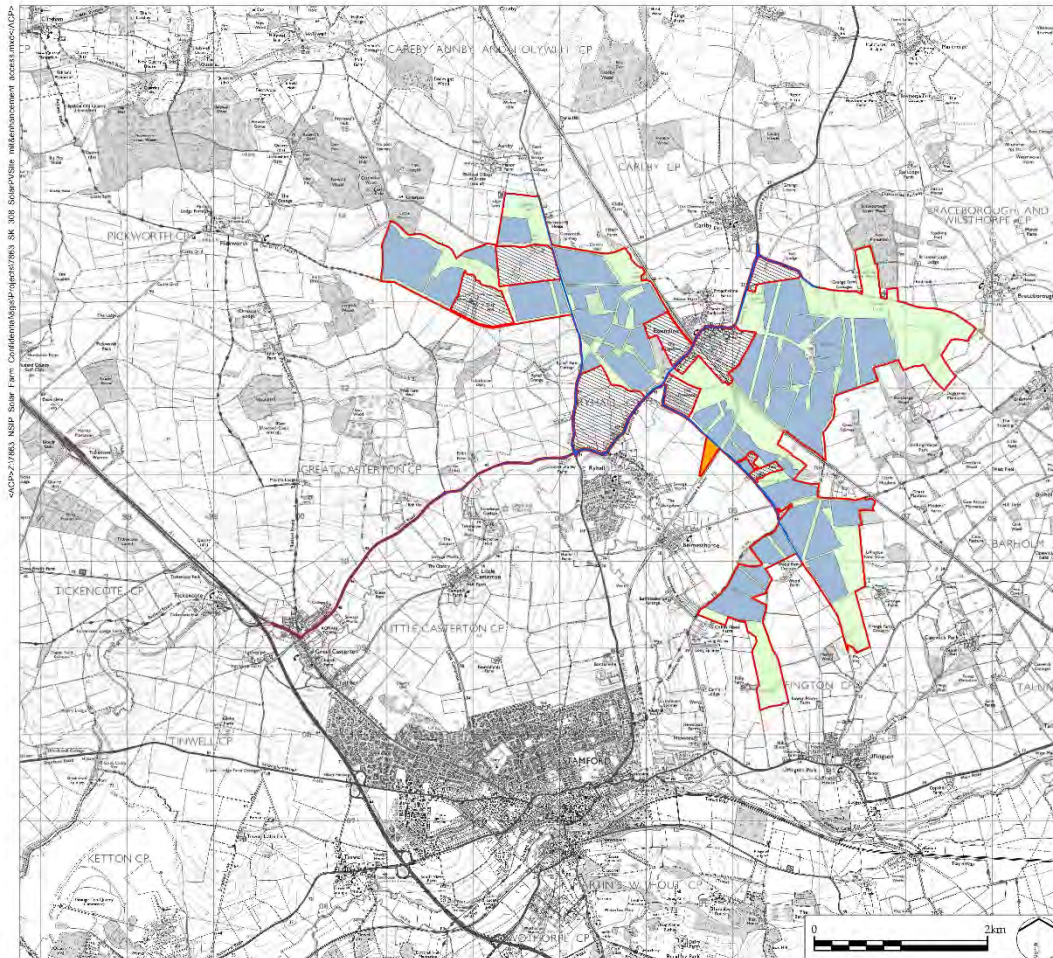
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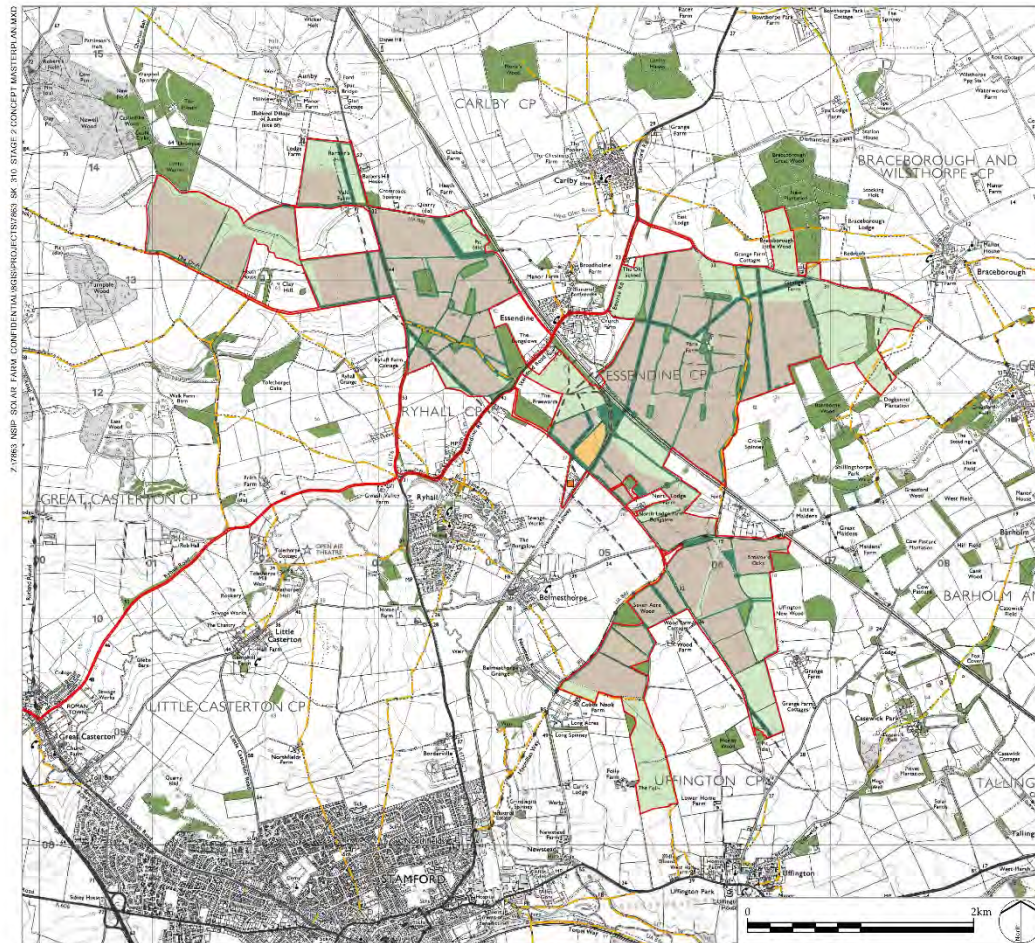
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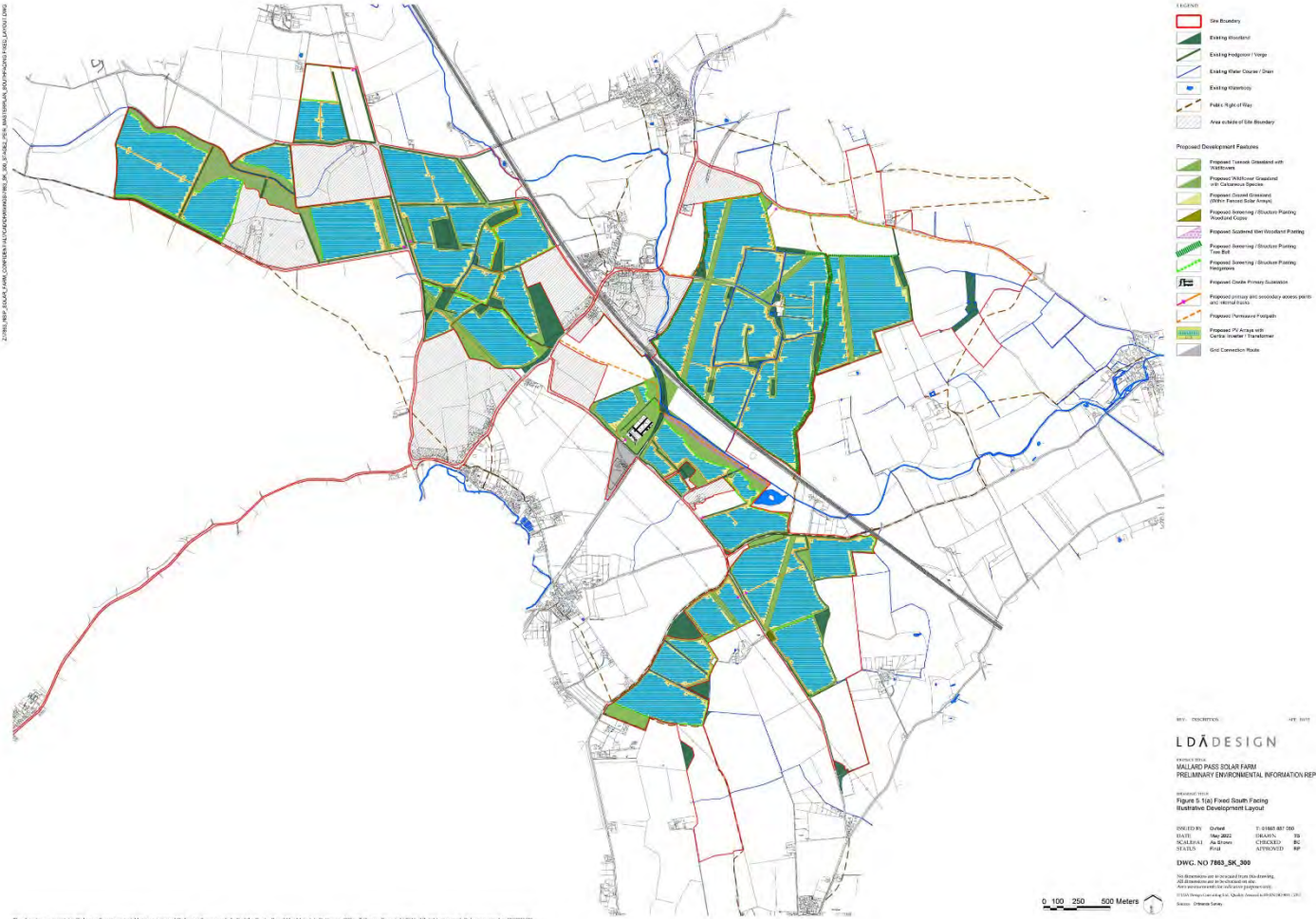
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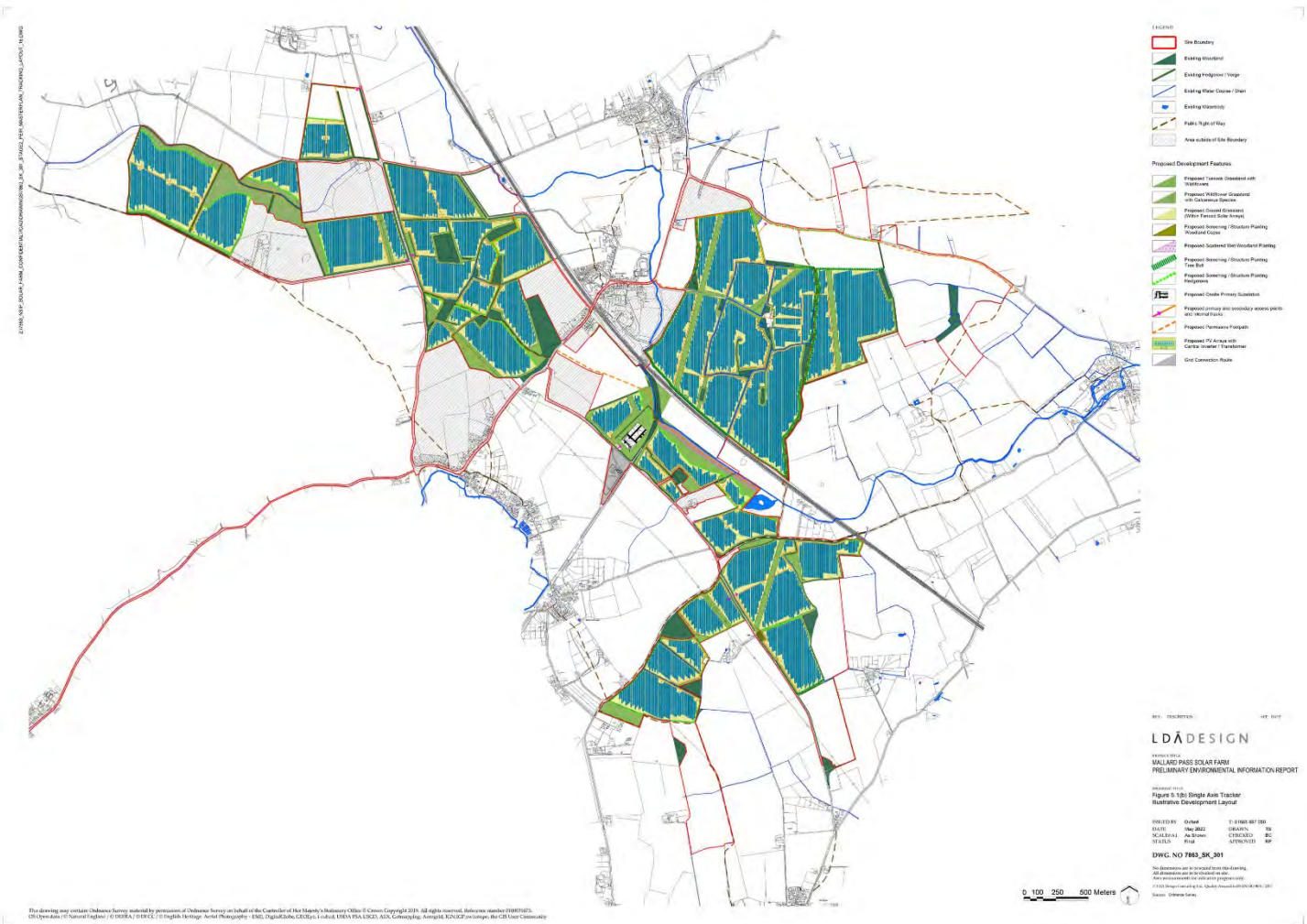
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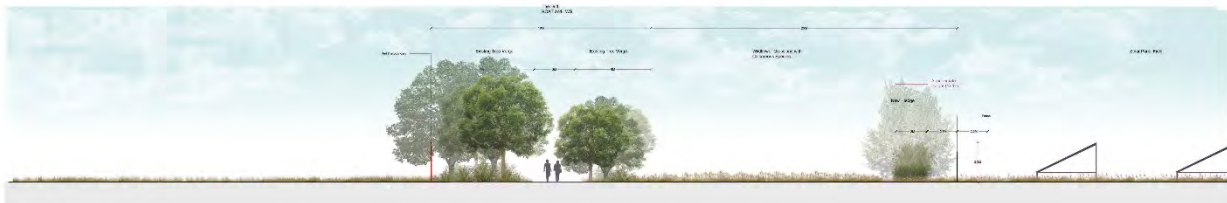
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Section E-D1: Railways  
 Section shows a combination of new grassland and trees alongside other uses of existing land to screen views of the Solar PV development and enhance habitat connectivity. New planting heights indicated at year 1 and year 15.



Section E-D2: Woodland. This  
 Section shows new planting to supplement existing and screen the Solar PV development from the Macleay Way Long Distance Footpath. New planting heights indicated at year 1 and year 15.



Section E-D3: The 0m Bypass Open to All Traffic (BOAT).  
 Section shows new planting of 20m high plants of all lower grassland with occasional species along the existing The 0m Bypass Open to All Traffic (BOAT) route. Further new planting is proposed along the fence line of the Solar PV development to screen the proposals. New planting heights indicated at year 1 and year 15.

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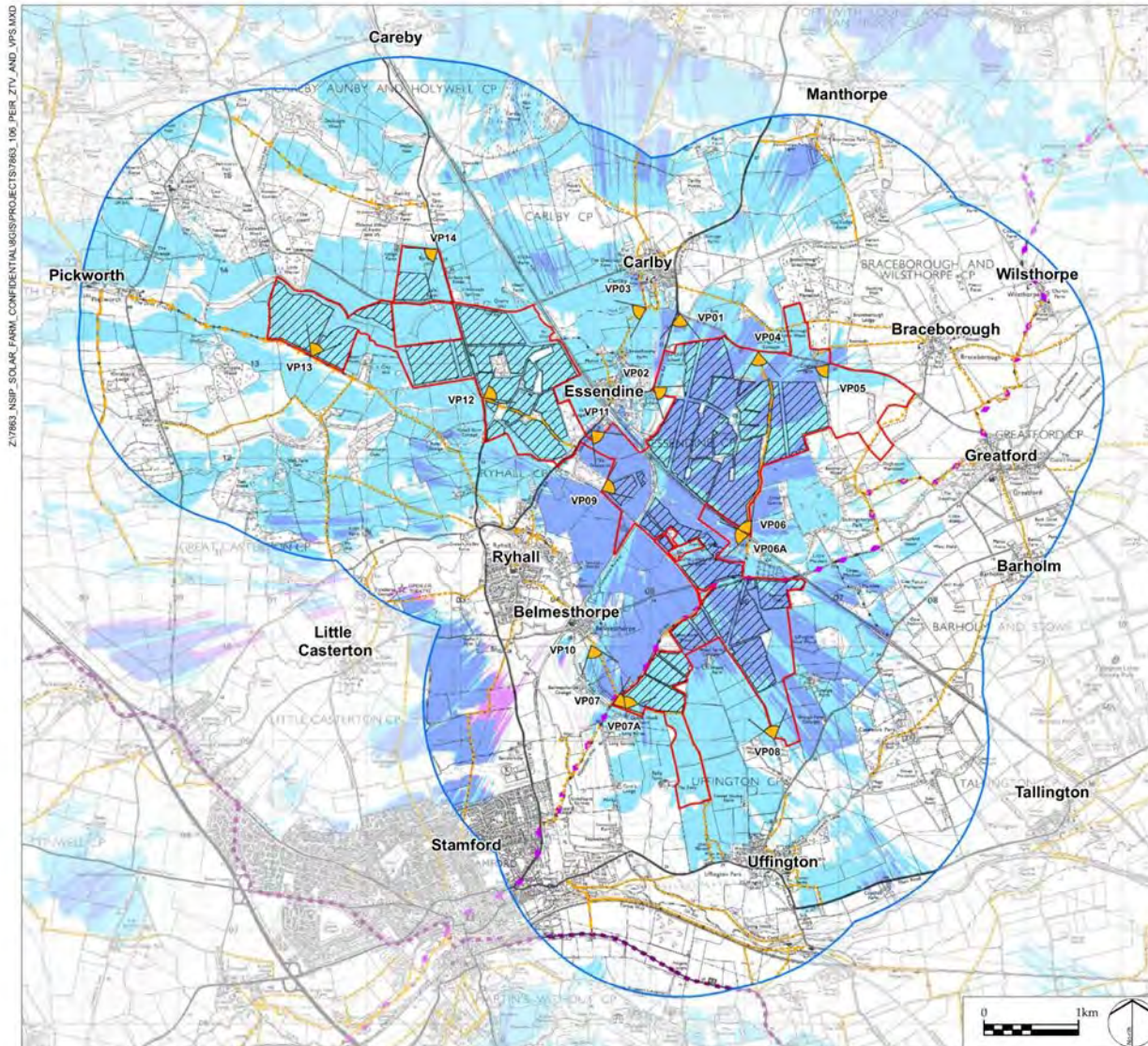


Figure 10: Site location in relation to the surrounding landscape (looking north from the site)





## 9.2.7 VISUALISATIONS



**LEGEND**

- Solar PV Site and Mitigation and Enhancement Areas
- Study Area (2km)
- Representative Viewpoints
- Public Rights of Way**
- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Byway open to all traffic
- Restricted Byway
- Macmillan Way Long Distance Path
- National Cycle Network Route
- Proposed Solar PV Site Area

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) (computer generated)



This drawing is based upon computer generated Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) studies produced using the viewshed routine in the ESRI ArcGIS Suite. The areas shown are the maximum theoretical visibility, taking into account topography, vegetation and buildings which have been included in the model with the heights obtained from a LiDAR digital surface model.

Due to its resolution, the surface model does not take into account every localised feature such as walls, small hedgerows or small trees and therefore only gives an impression of the extent of visibility.

The ZTV includes an adjustment that allows for Earth's curvature and light refraction. It is based on LiDAR terrain data with a 2m resolution.

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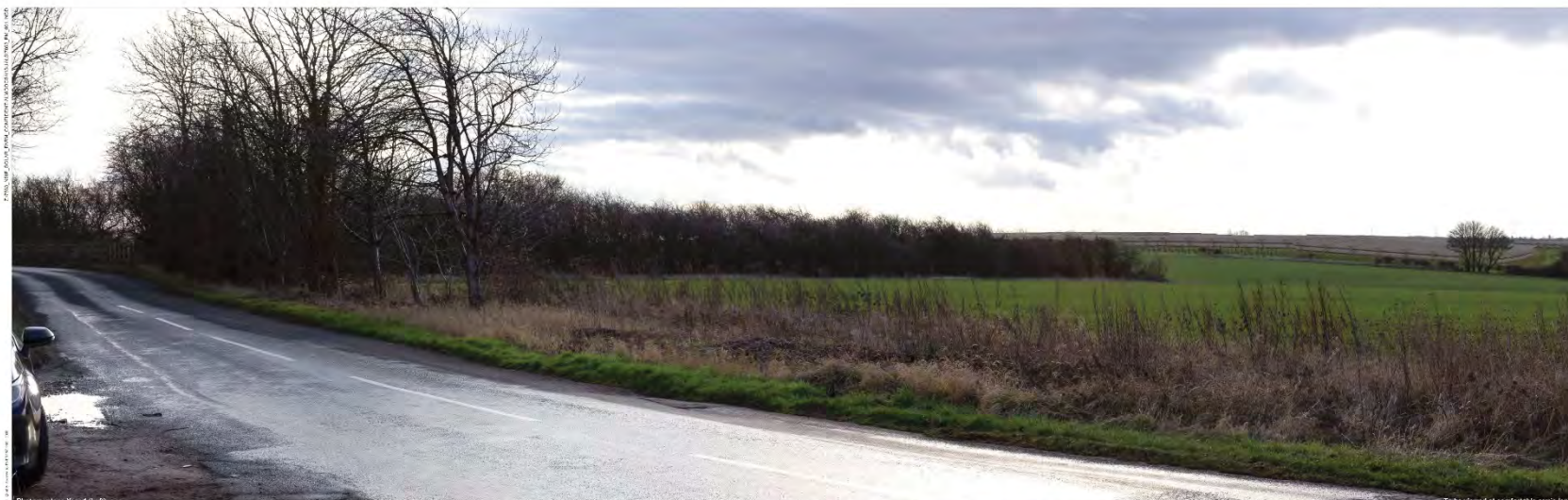
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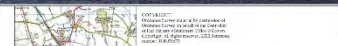
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**APPENDIX 1**  
 This is a summary of the information  
 provided in the Environmental  
 Statement. It is not intended to  
 replace the Environmental  
 Statement.

**PROPERTY TITLE**  
 MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM  
 PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL  
 INFORMATION REPORT

**VIEWPOINT TITLE**  
 Viewpoint 2 - Essex Road East - A0121 Bourne Road  
 Existing Photograph (Centre)  
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Existing Photograph (Right)

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LOCATION: This is a site plan showing the location of the viewpoint on the road network. The map shows the road network and the location of the viewpoint.

PROJECT TITLE: MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT

VIEWPOINT: Viewpoint 2 - Essendine East - A0121 Bourne Road Existing Photograph (Right)



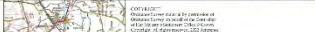
<b>LDÄDESIGN</b> 11 Green Lane, 10111 Green Lane London E15 2JY 0203 204 2040 www.ldadesign.co.uk		<b>Client:</b> M&P <b>Project:</b> M&P <b>Site:</b> M&P <b>Scale:</b> 1:500		<b>Project Title:</b> MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM <b>Project Location:</b> Bourne Road, Essex, UK <b>Project Reference:</b> M&P		<b>Project Title:</b> MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM <b>Project Location:</b> Bourne Road, Essex, UK <b>Project Reference:</b> M&P	
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Photomontage Year 1 (Centre) To be viewed at comfortable arm's length

<p><b>LDÄDESIGN</b></p>	<p>1. Location: Essendine East - A8121 Bourne Road          2. Date: 25/01/2024          3. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>1. Date: 25/01/2024          2. Scale: 1:1000</p>
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<p>Photomontage Year 1 (Right)</p> <p><b>LD&amp;DESIGN</b></p> <p>100010127/APP/5.2</p>	<p>Client: MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</p> <p>Location: Bourne Road, Essendine East</p> <p>Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>Date: 21/05/2024</p> <p>Author: LD&amp;DESIGN</p> <p>Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>Project Name: MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</p> <p>Client: MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</p> <p>Location: Bourne Road, Essendine East</p> <p>Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>This photomontage is a visual representation of the proposed development and its impact on the surrounding landscape. It is based on aerial photography and ground-level observations. The image shows the proposed solar farm layout, access roads, and the surrounding rural landscape. The sky is a clear blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is a typical rural landscape with fields, trees, and a road junction.</p>	 <p>Location: Bourne Road, Essendine East</p>	<p>Project Title: MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</p> <p>Document Title: PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p>Viewpoint 2 - Essendine East - A0121 Bourne Road</p> <p>Photomontage Year 1 (Right)</p> <p>Scale: 1:1000</p>
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Photomontage Year 15 (Centre) To be viewed at comfortable arm's length

<p><b>LD ADESIGN</b></p>	<p>1. Location: Essendine East - A8121 Bourne Road          2. Land Use: Solar Farm          3. Site Area: 10.5 Ha          4. Solar PV: 10.5 MWp</p>	<p>1. Location: Essendine East - A8121 Bourne Road          2. Site Area: 10.5 Ha          3. Solar PV: 10.5 MWp</p>	<p>1. Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          2. Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd          3. Project Manager: LD ADESIGN</p>	<p>1. Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          2. Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd          3. Project Manager: LD ADESIGN</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon aerial imagery of the site and surrounding area. It is not intended to represent the actual appearance of the site or the surrounding area. It is intended to provide a visual impression of the proposed development in its context.</p>		<p><b>PROJECT TITLE</b>          MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p><b>CLIENT TITLE</b>          Viewpoint 2 - Essendine East - A8121 Bourne Road          Photomontage Year 15 (Centre)</p> <p>FIGURE 6.32 DATE: 21/04/2022 PAGE 6 OF 8</p>
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Photomontage Year 15 (Right)

<p><b>LD&amp;DESIGN</b></p> <p>2024/01/15 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Client: Essendine East - A0121 Bourne Road          Location: Essendine East, Bourne Road, Bourne          Scale: 1:500          Date: 15/01/2024</p>	<p>Project: Essendine East - A0121 Bourne Road          Title: Photomontage          Scale: 1:500          Date: 15/01/2024</p>	<p>Author: LD&amp;DESIGN          Checked: M. J. [Name]          Approved: M. J. [Name]          Date: 15/01/2024</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon a 3D model of the site. It is not intended to be used as a substitute for a site visit. The photomontage is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent an actual view of the site.</p>	 <p>Location: Essendine East, Bourne Road, Bourne</p>	<p>Project Title:  <b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</b>          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p>Viewpoint 2 - Essendine East - A0121 Bourne Road          Photomontage Year 15 (Right)          Date: 21/04/2024          Scale: 1:500</p>
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Existing Photograph (Left)

To be viewed at comfortable arm's length

<p><b>LDÄDESIGN</b></p> <p>15 Wood Lane, Brixton, London SW8 5NU          020 8748 6000          www.ldadesign.co.uk</p>	<p><b>CLIENT</b>          MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          15 Wood Lane, Brixton, London SW8 5NU          020 8748 6000</p>	<p><b>PROJECT</b>          MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          15 Wood Lane, Brixton, London SW8 5NU          020 8748 6000</p>	<p><b>DATE</b>          15/03/2024</p>	<p><b>SCALE</b>          1:1000</p>		<p><b>PROJECT TITLE</b>          MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p><b>CLIENT REF</b>          MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</p> <p><b>DATE</b>          15/03/2024</p> <p><b>Sheet 1 of 12</b></p>
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Existing Photograph (Left-Centre)

To be viewed at comfortable arm's length

<p><b>LDÄDESIGN</b></p>	<p>Company Location: 1111 12th Avenue          Suite 100 (London, ON)          23-21          2300 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Unit 101          London, ON N6K 1S1</p>	<p>Company Telephone: 519-837-3100          Fax: 519-837-3100          Website: www.ldadesign.com</p>	<p>Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Mallard Pass, Ontario          Project Status: Under Construction</p>	<p>Project Manager: [Name Redacted]          Project Engineer: [Name Redacted]          Project Designer: [Name Redacted]</p>		<p>PROJECT TITLE:  <b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</b>          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p>CLIENT TITLE:          Viewpoint 4 - Corby Road junction with Bridgeway Br&amp;W 1/1          Existing Photograph (Left-Centre)</p> <p>FIGURE: E-3.3 DATE: 21/05/2022 SHEET: 2 of 12</p>
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Photomontage Year 1 (left)

To be viewed at comfortable arm's length

**LD A DESIGN**

Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Project Location: Carby Road, Carby, North Yorkshire YO21 2JH

Project No: 2023/001  
 Date: 15/01/2024  
 Version: 1.0

Author: [Name]  
 Designer: [Name]  
 Checker: [Name]

Scale: 1:1000  
 Date: 15/01/2024  
 Project No: 2023/001

This photomontage is based upon a 3D digital elevation model (DEM) derived from a drone survey. The DEM was processed using a 0.5m resolution grid. The photomontage is intended to provide a visual representation of the proposed solar farm layout and its impact on the surrounding landscape.



Site location map showing the proposed solar farm layout and its proximity to the surrounding landscape.

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Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Project Location: Carby Road, Carby, North Yorkshire YO21 2JH  
 Project No: 2023/001  
 Date: 15/01/2024  
 Version: 1.0






Photomontage Year 1 (Left-Context) To be viewed at comfortable arm's length.

<b>LD&amp;DESIGN</b>	Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm	Reference: 2101-01-A	Client: LD&DESIGN	Project: Phase 1	Scale: 1:1000	<p>The photomontage is based upon a 3D model of the site and is not intended to be used as a substitute for a site visit. The information contained herein is for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon for any legal or financial purposes.</p>		<p>Project: Phase 1</p> <p><b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM</b></p> <p>PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p>Viewpoint 4 - Carby Road junction with Endloway Brook (1)</p> <p>Photomontage Year 1 (Left-Context)</p> <p>Scale: 1:1000</p> <p>Date: 21/04/2022</p> <p>Sheet 8 of 12</p>
	<p>Project Lead: [Name]</p> <p>Project Manager: [Name]</p> <p>Project Engineer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Designer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Checker: [Name]</p> <p>Project Approver: [Name]</p>	<p>Project Lead: [Name]</p> <p>Project Manager: [Name]</p> <p>Project Engineer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Designer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Checker: [Name]</p> <p>Project Approver: [Name]</p>	<p>Project Lead: [Name]</p> <p>Project Manager: [Name]</p> <p>Project Engineer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Designer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Checker: [Name]</p> <p>Project Approver: [Name]</p>	<p>Project Lead: [Name]</p> <p>Project Manager: [Name]</p> <p>Project Engineer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Designer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Checker: [Name]</p> <p>Project Approver: [Name]</p>					




Photomontage Year 1 (Right-Center) To be viewed at comfortable arm's length.

	Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Location: Leicestershire Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Date: 2023	Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Design Stage: Preliminary Design Design Team: LDADesign	Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Design Stage: Preliminary Design Design Team: LDADesign	Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Design Stage: Preliminary Design Design Team: LDADesign	Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Design Stage: Preliminary Design Design Team: LDADesign	Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Design Stage: Preliminary Design Design Team: LDADesign	Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Design Stage: Preliminary Design Design Team: LDADesign
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Photomontage Year 1 (Right)

To be viewed at comfortable arm's length.

<p><b>LD ADESIGN</b></p>	<p>Client: Solar Farm Ltd          Project: Solar Farm          Location: Site 1234</p>	<p>Scale: 1:1000          Date: 15/10/2023          Author: J. Smith</p>	<p>Project: Solar Farm          Client: Solar Farm Ltd          Location: Site 1234</p>	<p>The photomontage is based upon a 2001 digital aerial photograph. The ground level is based upon the 2001 data. The ground level is based upon the 2001 data. The ground level is based upon the 2001 data.</p>		<p>Project: Solar Farm          Client: Solar Farm Ltd          Location: Site 1234</p>	<p><b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</b></p>	<p>Location: 4 - Carby Road junction with Endwaley Brook          Photomontage Year 1 (Right)</p>
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Photomontage Year 15 (Left-Centred)

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Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm	Project No: 2018-01	Revision: 01	Date: 15/11/2018
Author: [Name]	Checker: [Name]	Approver: [Name]	Scale: 1:1000
Project Location: [Address]	Project Status: [Status]	Project Reference: [Reference]	Project Description: [Description]

This photomontage is based upon a 360-degree panoramic view of the site taken from the location shown in the inset map. The view is intended to provide a general impression of the site and its surroundings. It does not represent a specific view from any particular location or at any particular time of day.

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Scale: 1:1000

Date: 15/11/2018

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Photomontage Year 15 (Right-Centre)

To be viewed at comfortable arms length

**LD A DESIGN**

Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Location: Carby Road, North Yorkshire  
 Date: 2023

Author: LD A Design  
 Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Date: 2023

Project Title: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Location: Carby Road, North Yorkshire  
 Date: 2023

This photomontage is based upon a 2023 digital aerial photograph and is intended to provide a visual representation of the proposed solar farm. The appearance of the solar panels is based on the information provided.



This photomontage is based upon a 2023 digital aerial photograph and is intended to provide a visual representation of the proposed solar farm. The appearance of the solar panels is based on the information provided.


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Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm  
 Location: Carby Road junction with Endcliffe Brook  
 Date: 2023



Photomontage Year 15 (Right)

To be viewed at comfortable arm's length.

<p><b>LD ADESIGN</b></p>	<p>Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Project Location: North Devon          Project Status: 2023</p>	<p>Project Manager: [Name]          Design Team: [Name]          Date: 15/11/23</p>	<p>Project Title: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Client: [Name]          Location: [Name]</p>	<p>Project Reference: [Number]          Drawing Title: [Title]          Drawing Number: [Number]</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon a 2015 digital aerial image and does not include any proposed solar panels or infrastructure. The photomontage is intended to provide a visual context for the proposed development.</p>		<p>Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Project Location: North Devon          Project Status: 2023</p>	<p><b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</b></p>	<p>Project Name: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Project Location: North Devon          Project Status: 2023</p>
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<p><b>LDĀDESIGN</b></p>	<p>Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Essendine Road, Northampton</p>	<p>Date: 07/01/2024          Page: 001 of 001          Scale: 1:1000</p>	<p>Author: LDĀDESIGN          Checked: LDĀDESIGN          Drawn: LDĀDESIGN          Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Essendine Road, Northampton</p>	<p>Scale: 1:1000          Date: 07/01/2024          Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Essendine Road, Northampton</p>		<p><b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</b></p>	<p><b>Viewpoint 5: Essendine Road          Existing Photograph (Left)</b></p> <p>Scale: 1:1000          Date: 07/01/2024          Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Essendine Road, Northampton</p>
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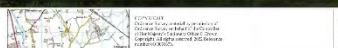
<p><b>LDĀDESIGN</b></p>	<p>Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Essendine Road, North Devon          Date: 2023</p>	<p>Author: LDĀ Design          Date: 2023</p>	<p>Scale: 1:1000          Date: 2023</p>	<p>Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Client: LDĀ Design          Location: Essendine Road, North Devon          Date: 2023</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon a 360-degree panoramic view of the site from the location shown in the map. It is intended to provide a visual impression of the proposed solar farm in the context of the surrounding landscape. It is not intended to be used as a substitute for a site visit.</p>		<p><b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</b></p>	<p>Viewpoint 5 - Essendine Road          Photomontage Year 1 (Left)          Date: 2023</p>
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Photomontage Year 1 (Right)

<p><b>LDADesign</b></p>	<p>Client: [unreadable]          Project: [unreadable]          Date: [unreadable]</p>	<p>Author: [unreadable]          Date: [unreadable]          Version: [unreadable]</p>	<p>Project: [unreadable]          Client: [unreadable]          Location: [unreadable]</p>	<p>Scale: [unreadable]          Date: [unreadable]          Project: [unreadable]</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon a 2018 digital aerial image and does not represent a forecast of the future. It is intended to provide a visual impression of the proposed development in its context. The views shown are not intended to be used for any other purpose.</p>		<p>Project: [unreadable]  <b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</b></p>	<p>Viewpoint 5 - Essendine Road          Photomontage Year 1 (Right)</p>
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<p>Photomontage Year 15 (Left)</p> <p>LDĀDESIGN</p>	<p>Client: [unreadable]</p> <p>Project: [unreadable]</p> <p>Location: [unreadable]</p> <p>Date: [unreadable]</p>	<p>Scale: [unreadable]</p> <p>Map: [unreadable]</p> <p>Author: [unreadable]</p>	<p>Project: [unreadable]</p> <p>Client: [unreadable]</p> <p>Location: [unreadable]</p> <p>Date: [unreadable]</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon a 2015 digital aerial photograph of the site. It is not intended to represent the actual appearance of the site at the time of the proposed development. The appearance of the site at the time of the proposed development is shown in the accompanying site plan.</p>		<p>Project: [unreadable]</p> <p>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT</p>	<p>Viewpoint 5 - Essendine Road Photomontage Year 15 (L-R)</p> <p>Scale: 1:500</p>
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<p>Photomontage Year 15 (Right)</p> <p><b>LD ADESIGN</b></p>	<p>Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd          Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Location: Essendine Road, North Devon          Date: 15/10/2024</p>	<p>Scale: 1:500          Drawing No: 15/10/2024-01          Revision: 01</p>	<p>Author: J. Smith          Checked: M. Jones          Date: 15/10/2024</p>	<p>Project: Mallard Pass Solar Farm          Client: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd          Location: Essendine Road, North Devon          Date: 15/10/2024</p>	<p>This photomontage is based upon a 3D digital elevation model (DEM) of the site and its surroundings. It is intended to provide a visual representation of the proposed development and its integration with the existing landscape. The accuracy of the image is dependent on the quality of the data used and the assumptions made during the modelling process.</p>	 <p>Site location map showing the project area in relation to the surrounding region.</p>	<p><b>MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM          PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL          INFORMATION REPORT</b></p>	<p>Viewpoint 9: Essendine Road          Photomontage Year 15 (Right)</p> <p>Scale: 1:500          Drawing No: 15/10/2024-01          Revision: 01</p>
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Existing Photograph (Right)

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Client Name: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Name: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Location: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Status: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>
Client Contact: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Manager: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Start: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project End: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>
Client Address: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Address: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Coordinates: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>	Project Scale: <b>LD ADESIGN</b>



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Viewpoint 11 - A0121 Stamford Road  
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## 9.2.8 DRAFT OUTLINE EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND SUPPLY CHAIN PLAN (OESSCEP)



# **Mallard Pass**

Solar Farm

## **Mallard Pass Solar Farm**

**Draft Outline Employment, Skills and Supply Chain**

**May 2022**



## 1.0 Outline Employment, Skills, and Supply Chain

### 1.1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited (the "Applicant") proposes to submit an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (the "Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to authorise a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station exceeding 50MW (the "Development").
- 1.1.2. Generating stations of a capacity that exceeds 50MW are classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act"). The Development is therefore an NSIP for which development consent is required from the Secretary of State under the Act.
- 1.1.3. The Applicant wishes to make provision for the Development to:
- 1) create opportunities for the improvement and employment of local skills; and
  - 2) engage in the ethical procurement of the supply chain.
- 1.1.4. This draft Outline Employment, Skills, and Supply Chain Plan (the "Plan") proposes how the Applicant will work with local stakeholders to achieve this. This includes focusing on:
- 1) the opportunities for the involvement of local companies in the construction and operation supply chain;
  - 2) the ability of local residents to access employment opportunities associated with the construction and operation of the Development; and
  - 3) the ability of research organisations to use the site to enable research and innovation in the renewable energy sector.
- 1.1.5. The Applicant proposes to work with the organisations set out in Table 1.1 to achieve these objectives and welcomes views on whether there are other organisations it should consult.



**Table 1.1 - Public and Private Sector Organisations**

<b>Primary Public Sector Partners</b>	South Kesteven District Council
	Rutland County Council
	Lincolnshire County Council
<b>Education and Training Providers</b>	ARU Peterborough
	Inspire Education Group (which includes Peterborough College, Stamford College and University Centre Peterborough)
	University of Lincoln
<b>Business Sector Groups</b>	Peterborough and Stamford Chamber of Commerce
	Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce
	Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership

- 1.1.6. The Applicant proposes to update this Plan in response to consultation. The revised version will be submitted with its DCO application, with a view to the Plan being secured by requirement in the DCO, should the Secretary of State be minded to grant development consent. Requirements included in DCOs are very similar in format and effect to conditions on planning permissions granted by local planning authorities under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. They impose controls on the authorised development, which are enforceable by the relevant local planning authority.
- 1.1.7. An example of a comparable requirement can be found at Requirement 16 of The Cleve Hill Solar Park Order 2020 (a DCO granted in May 2020 for the 350MW Cleve Hill Solar Park), which can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website, and is expressed as follows:

***“Local skills, supply chain and employment***

*16 – (1) No phase of the authorised development may commence until for that phase a skills, supply chain and employment plan in relation to the authorised development (which accords with the outline skills, supply chain and employment plan) has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.*

*(2) The skills, supply chain and employment plan must identify opportunities for individuals and businesses to access employment and supply chain opportunities*



*associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the authorised development, and the means for publicising such opportunities.*

*(3) The skills and employment plans must be implemented as approved."*

## **1.2. Principles of Approach**

1.2.1. The Applicant proposes three main areas of focus:

- 1) Provide information and communication – ensuring effective communication with stakeholders within the organisations in Table 1. The aim of this activity will be to make sure that businesses and public sector agencies have time to understand and plan for the supply chain and skills opportunities associated with the Development;
- 2) Understand intervention needs – working with local stakeholders set out in Table 1 to assess whether there is a case for targeted actions to develop supply chain or labour market capability; and
- 3) Deliver other supportive activities – identify other opportunities where construction and operation could be configured to help maximise the potential for local economic benefits.

1.2.2. Examples of the activities proposed to be undertaken are set out in the Appendix to this Plan.

## **1.3. Timescales**

1.3.1. The activities set out in this Plan will commence after the DCO has been granted.

1.3.2. In order for the Plan to be successful, it will need to be implemented as early as practicable prior to the commencement of construction. This is to ensure that local organisations are aware of upcoming opportunities and will be able to prepare appropriately.

1.3.3. The proposed activities referred to in Section 2 and the Appendix to this Plan would be undertaken in advance of the procurement and appointment of construction contractors.

## **1.4. Monitoring the Success of the Plan**

1.4.1. The Applicant is committed to realising local economic benefits. The activities set out in this Plan are central to realising those benefits. Monitoring the scale and type of local economic benefits that the Development realises would provide intelligence about the





success of particular measures proposed, as well as improving the wider evidence base about the local economic benefits associated with similar scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating stations.

- 1.4.2. The Applicant proposed that the monitoring would include the use of the Development's supply chain and employment records. Subject to obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), this would include anonymised information on the home and workplace locations of direct employees and additional supply chain and employment information from the main suppliers. This information would be made available to the local planning authority on request, again subject to GDPR obligations;

#### **1.5. Enabling Research & Innovation in Renewable Energy**

- 1.5.1. The Development will be a significant renewable energy project, both locally and nationally. It presents an opportunity in terms of advancing the knowledge base around operational solar generating stations. The Applicant proposes to enable research and innovation in the renewables sector, by facilitating access to the operational Development for appropriate research organisations on request.

#### **1.6. Ethical Procurement**

- 1.6.1. The Applicant wishes to ensure the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Development is undertaken pursuant to an ethical procurement policy and that this is a legal obligation on anyone who has the powers under the DCO. That would be achieved by securing this Plan by a requirement of the DCO.
- 1.6.2. The Applicant proposes the following ethical procurement policy:
- 1) any potential supplier must participate in a modern slavery supplier due diligence exercise as part of the tender exercise;
  - 2) any potential supplier, whether or not they meet the statutory thresholds under section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, must publish annually a modern slavery and human trafficking statement;
  - 3) the modern slavery and human trafficking statement must be informed by a risk assessment;
  - 4) any potential supplier must have a modern slavery policy;



- 5) any potential supplier must provide relevant employees with modern slavery training that has been produced by a certified provider of such training;
- 6) any contract to be entered into with a potential supplier must include the following warranties:
  - a) the supplier has not been and is not engaged in any form of slavery, forced labour, labour exploitation or human trafficking anywhere in the world;
  - b) the supplier pays and treats its workers in compliance with applicable employment laws and minimum wage requirements; and
  - c) the supplier will take reasonable steps to prevent slavery and human trafficking in connection with its business anywhere in the world;
- 7) any contract to be entered into with a potential supplier must include:
  - a) an obligation on the part of the potential supplier to report any circumstances that give reasonable cause to suspect possible slavery, forced labour, labour exploitation or human trafficking in connection with its business anywhere in the world;
  - b) a right of audit;
  - c) a right to require an action plan to be initiated by the supplier in the event that the Applicant considers the controls implemented by the supplier to be inadequate; and
  - d) a right of immediate termination in the event of any instances of slavery, forced labour, labour exploitation and human trafficking connected to the supplier.

#### **1.7. Proposed Requirement**

- 1.7.1. The Applicant proposes the following draft requirement in the draft DCO that will be included in the application to the Secretary of State. It is based on that approved by the Secretary of State in relation to The Cleve Hill Solar Park referred to in section 1 of this Plan.

##### ***“Employment, Skills, and Supply Chain Plan***

*[xx] – (1) No phase of the authorised development may commence until for that phase an employment, skills, and supply chain plan in relation to the authorised development (which accords with the outline employment, skills, and supply chain plan) has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.*



*(2) - The employment, skills, and supply chain plan(s) must identify opportunities for individuals and businesses to access employment and supply chain opportunities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the authorised development, and the means for publicising such opportunities.*

*(3) - The employment, skills, and supply chain plan(s) must include an ethical procurement policy for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the authorised development.*

*(4) - The employment, skills, and supply chain plan(s) must be implemented as approved.*

*(5) - The undertaker must retain records of its compliance with the employment, skills, and supply chain plan(s) and make those records available for inspection by the relevant local planning authority upon request."*



## Appendix 1

### Potential Commitments for Supply Chain Development and Skills Activity

Intervention	Supply Chain Development	Skills Activity
Information and Communication	<p><b>Communication with business groups:</b> maintain open lines of communications with the business groups identified in Table 1 to provide updates on the development, notify of up-and-coming opportunities and encourage them to post opportunities on their web portals where applicable.</p> <p><b>Encourage engagement:</b> use supply chain events to bring together upper tier suppliers from the industry with local companies, including encouraging upper tier suppliers to work on a collaborative basis with local suppliers in order to bid for contracts</p> <p><b>General awareness raising:</b> continue to work with stakeholders to provide updates to local businesses on the progress of the project.</p>	<p><b>Communicate demands effectively to education and training providers:</b> maintain communication with local education and training providers as construction and operation plans emerge and our understanding of the likely employment opportunities associated with the project emerges.</p> <p><b>Communicate strategic messages about general skills demands to the LEP:</b> provide market insight and intelligence to the LEP about industry trends, technology developments and associated pressure on skills to inform strategy development</p> <p><b>Promote job opportunities locally:</b> provide information on the expected employment opportunities to local job seekers in an accessible format. This could include posting on the project's web portal, advertising in local news publication and working with local Job Centres.</p> <p><b>Communicate with businesses to identify skills needs:</b> identify the</p>



Intervention	Supply Chain Development	Skills Activity
		skills needs associated with the various supply chain opportunities and communicate these to businesses.
Identify Intervention Needs	<p><b>Identify supply chain development needs:</b> work alongside the stakeholders, working on insights from local companies, business intermediaries and major component and service suppliers to identify any particular sector development needs locally so that firms will be better placed to access opportunities.</p> <p><b>Highlight gaps in provision:</b> work with stakeholders to highlight any identified needs which are not being addressed by current business support provision in the local area. This will help to ensure that education and skills providers are able to tailor their provision to the requirements of industry.</p>	<p><b>Identify skills development needs:</b> Work alongside the Local Enterprise Partnership, Local Authorities and relevant public sector agencies, as well as businesses in the supply chain, to ensure that relevant stakeholders are well informed about the labour requirements associated with the Development and any particular gaps in the skills base of the local population that might need to be addressed to help ensure that local people have a good chance of accessing opportunities that arise in the area.</p> <p><b>Highlight gaps in provision:</b> work with stakeholders to highlight any identified needs which are not being addressed by current skills development programmes in the local area. This will help to ensure that education and skills providers are able to tailor their provision to the requirements of industry.</p>



Intervention	Supply Chain Development	Skills Activity
Other Supportive Activities	<p><b>Monitor local content:</b> monitor the local supply chain and employment impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Development. This involves using the Applicant's data (on supply chain spend and direct employment) as well as data collected from suppliers to the Development.</p>	<p><b>Promote opportunities widely:</b> ensure that opportunities associated with the Development and the renewables sector generally are promoted widely, including to groups that are disadvantaged in the labour market.</p>



### 9.2.9. SELDOM HEARD GROUPS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

## Community Groups and Seldom Heard Groups

We are contacting Community Groups and / or Seldom Heard Groups as part of our consultation process for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. The table below provides an alphabetical list of these organisations.

Organisation (A – Z)
Active Rutland
Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland
All Saint's Church
Bluecoat County Primary School
Borderville Sports Centre
BUPA Dental Care
Cottesmore Hunt
CPRE Rutland
Dementia Action Alliance Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
Dementia Support South Lincs
Education Business Partnership - Lincoln (EPB)
Emmaus Leicestershire and Rutland
Evergreen Care Stamford & District
Fight 4 Rutland (F4R)
Greenpeace Leicester
Jules House Youth Group
JUST Lincolnshire
LAMP (Leicester Action for Mental Health Project)
Leicester and Rutland Federation of WIs
Leicester and Rutland Walking Group
Leicestershire & Rutland Ramblers
Leicestershire and Rutland Cyclists' Touring Club
Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust
Lincolnshire Climate Conscious Students
Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service: South Kesteven Volunteer Centre
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Mallard Pass Action Group



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MHM (Mental Health Matters)
MindSpace Stamford
Nature Spot
Peterborough Ramblers
Railfuture East Midlands (Rutland and Leicestershire)
Railfuture Lincolnshire
Rutland Access Group
Rutland Community Ventures
Rutland Ramblers
Rutland Riding Club
Rutland Youth Council
Ryhall Church of England Academy Primary School
Second Helpings Stamford
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
St George's Church of England Primary School
St Martin's Church
St Mary & St Augustine Catholic Church
St Mary's Church
St Mary's Dental Practice
Stamford & Rutland Hospital
Stamford and Bourne District Scout Council
Stamford and District Young Farmers Club
Stamford Arts Centre
Stamford Association Football Club
Stamford Community Energy
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Stamford Rotary Club
Stamford Rugby Club
Stamford Striders
Stamford Tourist Information Centre
Stamford Welland Academy
TCOS The Cyclists of Stamford
The Bertie Arms
The Bridge East Midlands (in partnership with the Rutland Community Wellbeing Service)
The Broad Street Practice
The Bull and Swan
The Crown Hotel
The George Hotel
The Green Man
The Hub / Hatch Desks
The Leicester LGBT Centre
The Millstone Inn
The William Cecil
TOFU (Time Out For Us)
Uffington Village Hall
Voluntary Action Rutland
Wittering Riding Academy

**We are committed to ensuring an inclusive, meaningful, and open consultation process that is accessible to all groups and individuals who may be interested in, or feel impacted by, our proposals for Mallard Pass.**

We welcome any suggestions you may have regarding groups that you feel ought to be included in our consultation process. Please feel free to get in touch with us using the contact details provided below.

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## 9.2.10 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE (INCLUDING FAQs)



**Mallard Pass Solar Farm is a proposal for a new solar farm with infrastructure to connect to the national grid, along with the necessary mitigation measures to address the impacts of the project, and ecological enhancements and opportunities for improved recreational access by the local community.**

Mallard Pass Solar Farm is proposed to be located on agricultural land either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine, partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. The site is close to the National Grid Ryhall 400 kilovolts (kV) Substation at Uffington Lane, which is where the electricity generated from the proposed solar farm will connect to the national grid, providing clean, secure power for a variety of uses, including homes, industry and infrastructure. Mallard Pass is expected to generate in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, enough to power the equivalent of 92,000 UK households. See FAQs [here](#).

Mallard Pass will support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.

**Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation has now launched. This consultation period will run for ten weeks, until Thursday 04 August 2022.** During this time, we are seeking your views on more developed plans for Mallard Pass, which have been informed by the feedback received during the Stage One consultation and the results of environmental surveys and assessments. This more detailed design includes suggested mitigation and enhancement measures for the proposed area, which include residential 'buffer zones', the creation of 108 hectares of wildflower and tussock grassland areas, and the introduction of 4.7 kilometres of new permissive paths.

Due to the capacity of the solar farm exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). According to the Planning Act 2008, NSIPs must carry out a statutory phase of consultation, meaning a consultation process that we are required to carry out by law. This is for the purposes of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

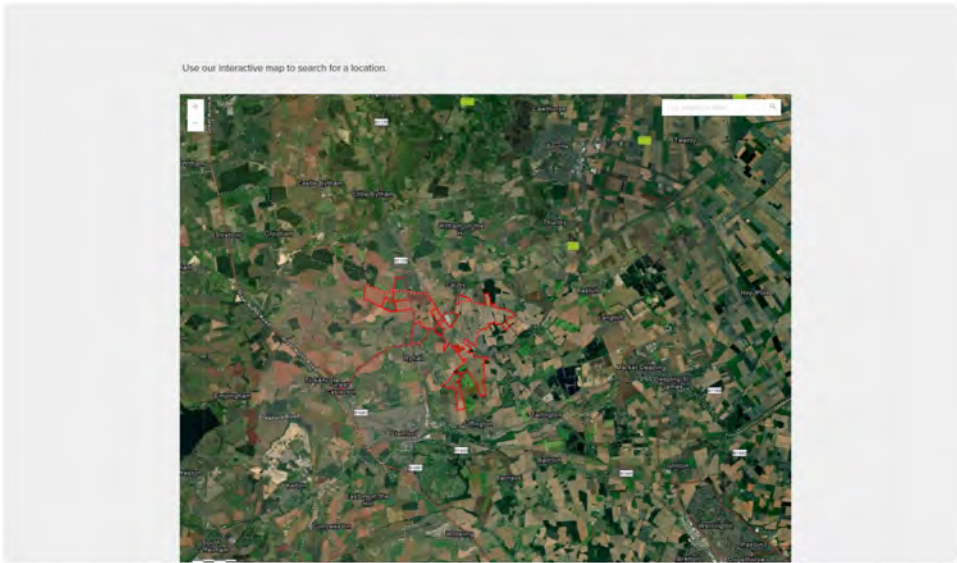
Although the exact technology and type of solar arrays to be used have yet to be decided, an indicative diagram of the typical components is shown below.



Figure 5: Components of a typical solar project

### Key Benefits

 <p>Mallard Pass Solar Farm has the potential to power in the region of 92,000 UK homes, approximately the number of households in Rutland and South Kesteven combined.</p>	 <p>Mallard Pass will support green spaces that connect habitats, enhance biodiversity and link recreational routes.</p>	 <p>Mallard Pass Solar Farm could take the equivalent of 35,700 cars off of roads.</p>	 <p>Mallard Pass will support low-cost energy generation that increases the reliability of our national grid.</p>	 <p>The project will help the UK reach urgent climate change targets whilst supporting the local environment by delivering a biodiversity net gain.</p>
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## FAQs

Please see below our latest Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

### How clean is solar? How will Mallard Pass be effective in combating climate change?

There is a growing crisis of UK energy and climate change law policy and evidence working to highlight the urgent need for new energy generation infrastructure, particularly from renewable sources such as solar. Electricity generated from solar power has carbon emissions which are near to zero over the lifetime of a project, and solar projects can also play a contrast and complementary role, meaning that it will provide diversification benefits and the chance of opportunity with minimal noise or air quality impacts during operation.

The UK Government has committed to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and decarbonisation of the energy sector by 2035. Government expects that it is essential the UK has considerable electricity reserves to back it to cope with uncertainty in what will come and that wind and solar will be key building blocks of the future generation mix. The UK needs sustained generation that capacity of these sectors in the next decade to ensure that we are on a pathway that allows us to meet net zero emissions in all demand scenarios.

In April 2022, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published its Sixth Assessment Report on the state of global climate change. The report confirms that global commitments to decarbonise are not yet sufficient to meet the targets a successful track towards containing global temperature rise below 1.5°C, and that many commitments which have been made have not yet been implemented properly or at all.

That same month, the UK Government published its April 2022 Net Zero Energy Security Strategy. The first quarter of this year demonstrated how the UK is required to stabilise energy prices through international energy markets in coal, gas and oil. Prices rose in 2022 and will continue to rise through to 2030 at least. In the Strategy, the Prime Minister wrote, "We need a power strategy that makes Britain, not Britain", in particular, the strategy supports a five-fold increase in the deployment of solar technology by 2035, recognising the abundant source of solar energy in the UK and the 85% reduction in solar cost over the last ten years.

At a time when gas prices are at an all-time high due to volatile international energy markets and an inflation of household energy it is our goal to make a project that provides a clean, renewable and low cost source of electricity all the while delivering a biodiversity net gain in the local site area.

The UK already has over 13 gigawatts (GW) of solar installed and operational (National Statistics, 2023). This has been instrumental in helping the UK achieve a 70% reduction in carbon emissions from electricity generation versus a 100% baseline. Solar is ready and is set to continue to be, the incredibly important part of the electricity generation sector.

### Is Mallard Pass supported by government subsidies?

At this stage in project development, it is anticipated that Mallard Pass Solar Farm will not require public subsidy. One of the benefits of solar compared to some of the forms of renewable energy generation is that production of the electricity is consistently visible and that costs are not greatly affected by market volatility, it can be fully powered by private investment.

### Why has the total site area changed since Stage One?

Since Stage One, Mallard Pass Solar Farm has decreased the proposed area for solar panels and infrastructure by over 100 hectares, going from 270 hectares at Stage One to 163 hectares at Stage Two. The total site area is 106 hectares, which has increased since Stage One due to the inclusion of about 12 hectares of potential habitat improvement work and access roads. Around 420 hectares of the total site area is now being proposed to support for ecological mitigation and enhancement measures (tree levels, nature strips, earth bank features, wetland habitat areas) to be installed as wetlands, hedgerows, and softwood trees.

More information about our updated proposals for Mallard Pass are set out in our Stage Two Statutory Consultation materials, available online by [clicking here](#).

### How will the local community benefit from our proposals?

Mallard Pass Solar Farm has the potential to provide benefits at both the national and local level, helping the UK as a whole by increasing our country's supply of reliable, low cost and low carbon energy, while at the same time offering environmental mitigation measures and local enhancements to community and biodiversity.

Our Stage Two proposals for Mallard Pass include wetlands (12.6 hectares), the creation of 108 hectares of wetland and habitat grassland areas, and the introduction of 47 hedgerows of new permanent earth low key nature areas with access features, wildlife viewing spaces, the creation of wetland areas and the installation of new field and low level bank features and also being proposed. To find out more about our updated proposals, please feel free to refer to our Stage Two Statutory Consultation materials by [clicking here](#).

### How much energy will Mallard Pass produce?

We are currently undertaking the process of refining the design and layout for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm proposals. The final design concept of Mallard Pass will depend upon the final design required for the development. As we work to further refine our plans, we will update our estimates of how much electricity we expect Mallard Pass Solar Farm to generate and continue to place this estimate within the context of local and national consumption.

In terms of proposed capacity, our Stage Two proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm remain the same as Stage One (the project is expected to have an installed generation capacity of approximately 350 megawatts (MW). This calculation is based on detailed technical analysis of the site area, which accounts for natural features, shadow effects, and historical sunlight levels. Taking these factors into consideration, we estimate that our current proposals could generate approximately 262,000 megawatt hours (MWh) per year. This figure also accounts for losses in the year (75%) and a solar load factor, which is an efficiency indicator for electricity generation that accounts for factors such as weather conditions, and average hours of sunlight.

To help contextualise the 350 MW figure (noting the potential power output from the site, we note the national homes power). The average UK household consumes approximately 2.8 MWh per year. Therefore, Mallard Pass has the ability to generate the same amount of power each year as would be consumed by approximately 92,000 average UK households, at a full 12-month period. For more information, please feel free to refer to our Stage Two Statutory Consultation materials by [clicking here](#).

### How do we calculate our figures?

Please find a breakdown of the calculations used to determine the annual production and estimated output provided for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

#### Annual production calculation

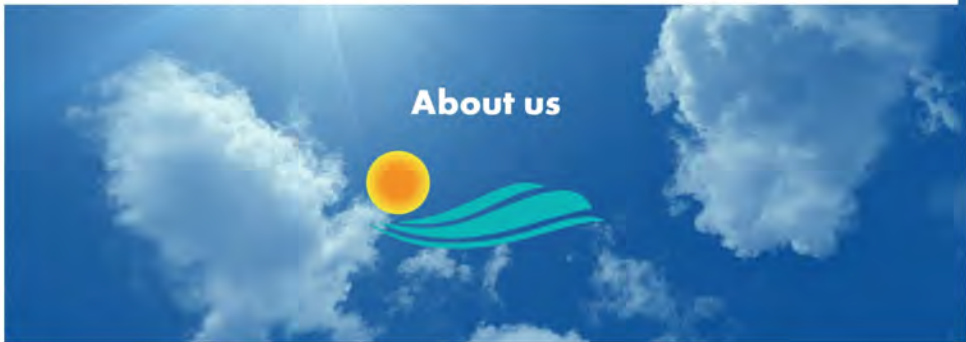
- The initial concept plan for Mallard Pass is expected to have an installed generation capacity of approximately 350 megawatts (MW).
- This calculation is based on detailed technical analysis of the site area including natural features, shadow effects, and historical sunlight levels.
  - Taking these factors into consideration, we estimate that our current proposals could generate approximately 262,000 megawatt hours (MWh) per year.
- This figure also accounts for the hours in the year and a solar load factor, which is an efficiency indicator for electricity generation that takes into account factors such as weather conditions, and average hours of sunlight.
  - The expected annual production can be calculated as follows:
    - 350,000 kW (installed capacity) (365 MW) (50%) = 1,260 (million of hours a year) (0.14 solar load factor) (estimated based on East Midlands history data used for revised more efficient solar power) = 168,240,000 kWh.

#### Home power calculation

- Based on the annual electricity production figure of 168,240,000 kWh, calculated above, we estimate that Mallard Pass Solar Farm has the potential to generate the same amount of power each year as would be consumed by approximately 92,000 average UK households, in a full 12-month period.
  - The estimated homes powered can be calculated as follows:
    - 168,240,000 kWh (annual production (MWh)) / 1,760 kWh (average household consumption) = 92,000 (1 = 12,000 homes powered).
  - This is a highly significant for the domestic consumption of electricity in Ireland and South Wales combined.

For more up-to-date and detailed information about our Stage Two proposals for Mallard Pass, [please click here](#) to view our Stage Two consultation materials.

We will continue to monitor enquiries during our Stage Two Statutory Consultation.



## About us

### About us



Founded in 2018, [Windel Energy](#) is a privately held company that specialises in the development and asset management of renewable energy projects and low carbon technologies.

With more than 3 gigawatts (GW) of clean, renewable power and battery energy storage in various stages of development, Windel is at the forefront of low carbon technologies including solar, energy storage, and onshore wind, and are helping to pave the way to achieve the UK's net zero target by 2050.

Windel Energy is committed to responsible land use and believe that the development and delivery of a large-scale solar farm can be achieved in harmony with its surroundings.



[Canadian Solar](#) was founded in 2001 in Canada and is one of the world's largest solar power companies.

It is a leading manufacturer of solar photovoltaic modules and provider of solar energy solutions, and has a geographically diversified pipeline of utility-scale solar power projects in various stages of development.

Over the past 21 years, Canadian Solar has successfully delivered over 49 GW of premium-quality solar photovoltaic modules to customers in over 150 countries.



Mallard Pass Solar Farm is being developed by Windel Energy, Canadian Solar and a professional project team the companies have appointed to provide specific support and expertise throughout the consenting stages of the project.

Together, all members of the Mallard Pass project team have significant experience of working across solar projects and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

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## Our vision

**Mallard Pass will support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.**

*At a time when gas prices are at an all-time high due to our reliance on imported energy, it is our ambition to create low-cost energy that is kind to the local environment and delivers for the planet.*



### Decarbonising our energy supply

In 2021, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sounded a 'code red' on the speed and intensity that the climate crisis is having on the planet. To play our part in the UK, it's clear that more action is needed to achieve net zero by 2050.

Considering the UK Government's latest estimates that the country's overall demand for electricity may double by 2050, it is all the more urgent to develop clean, renewable energy sources and keep our national electricity supply secure for generations to come.



### Increasing the supply of low-cost energy

Solar energy is now the cheapest form of electricity in history. In the context of rising gas prices, it is our aim to deliver a project that uses the best and latest technology available to support affordable energy generation, while also increasing our supply of energy generated in the UK.



### Addressing the biodiversity crisis

We are also experiencing a biodiversity crisis. It is our goal to deliver a project that maximises opportunities for nature recovery and minimises environmental impacts, wherever possible.

Solar farms can provide net gains in biodiversity through the provision and management of new habitats, such as hedgerow and wildflower planting. Our aim is to create spaces which deliver for energy generation, the natural environment,

continued agricultural use and local recreational use.



**Respecting and enhancing features in the landscape and promoting connectivity**

Mallard Pass Solar Farm will be sensitively designed to work with existing features in the landscape.

We will seek to retain existing field boundaries, water features and wildlife and improve connectivity where possible. Our landscape strategy will deliver multiple benefits, including retaining Public Rights of Way (PROWs), connecting habitats across the site, and providing new planting which could enhance wildlife or recreational routes.

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## Virtual exhibition



We are hosting this virtual exhibition for you to view our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Please take a look at our plans and tell us what you think.



### How to explore the virtual exhibition:

1. Make the room larger by clicking the arrows on the bottom right-hand of the image.
2. Take your time to understand our proposals by clicking on the information boards.
3. Make the information boards bigger by selecting "View" when the information board pops up. Use the arrow to the right of the screen to click through the boards in order.
4. If you are viewing the exhibition on a mobile phone, for the best view, turn your mobile to landscape.
5. For the best experience use an up-to-date browser, such as; Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge or Safari.
6. Once you've viewed our exhibition, please provide your feedback on our [Have your say page](#).

For the most accessible experience of this exhibition, you can [download the boards in an accessible PDF format](#) (suitable for screen readers).

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This page provides updates on our consultation activities and information on how you can get in touch with the Mallard Pass Solar Farm team.

**Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation is running for 10 weeks, taking place between Thursday 26 May 2022 and Thursday 04 August 2022.**

Our Stage Two events are an opportunity for you to view our updated proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm, see the project team and provide your feedback.

- Friday 17 June 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm – Webinar event
- Saturday 25 June 2022 from 11 am to 5 pm – Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ
- Wednesday 29 June 2022 from 3 pm to 8 pm – Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DR
- Thursday 30 June 2022 from 3 pm to 8 pm – Greatford Village Hall, Carby Road, Greatford, PE9 4PR
- Friday 01 July 2022 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm – Ryhall Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HR
- Tuesday 05 July 2022 from 6 pm to 8 pm – Webinar event

Please click [here](#) for a detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our community webinars, along with webinar links and telephone dial-in details.

You can also visit our virtual exhibition, which contains all the same information as will be at our events. [Please click here to view and explore our Stage Two virtual exhibition](#)

You can also provide your feedback via our online feedback form, which is identical to the hardcopy. Click [here](#) to access the online version of our questionnaire. Click [here](#) to view, download and print the hard copy.

**Our consultation process**

Mallard Pass Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it is proposed to have a generating capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW). We will be applying for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The application will be determined by the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

A DCO application is planned to be submitted in winter 2022. Prior to this, we will be consulting on our plans for the project. Throughout this process we are engaging with local communities and consulting on and refining our proposals across two stages of consultation.

We first introduced our early-stage proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm during our non-statutory Stage One community consultation. Stage One ran for 6 weeks, held between Thursday 04 November and 16 December 2021. [To find out more about our Stage One consultation, please click on the button below](#)

**STAGE ONE CONSULTATION**

On 19 May 2022, we published our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which explains how we plan to carry out our Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass. To read it, [please click here](#).

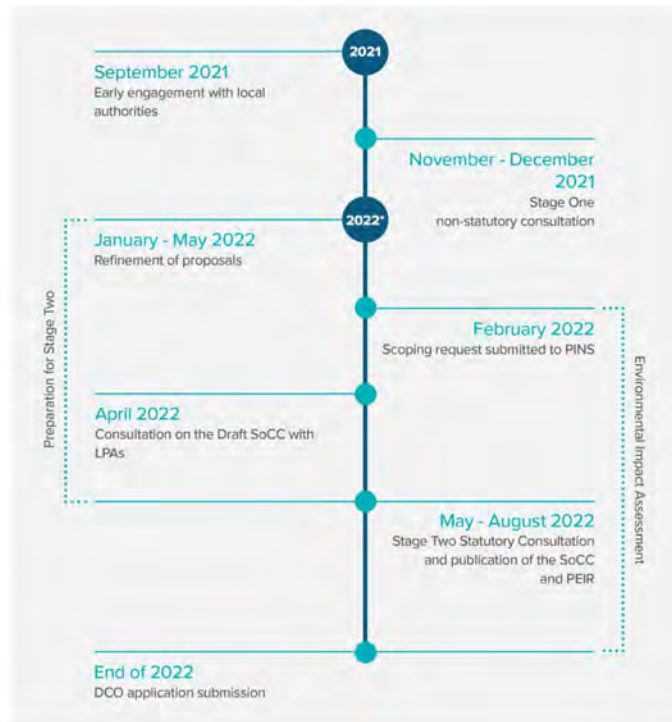
The SoCC was prepared in consultation with the host Local Planning Authorities (LPAs), South Kesteven District Council, Rutland County Council and Lincolnshire County Council, as well as Peterborough City Council due to the consultation zone extending into their authority area. We took account of these comments when producing our final SoCC.

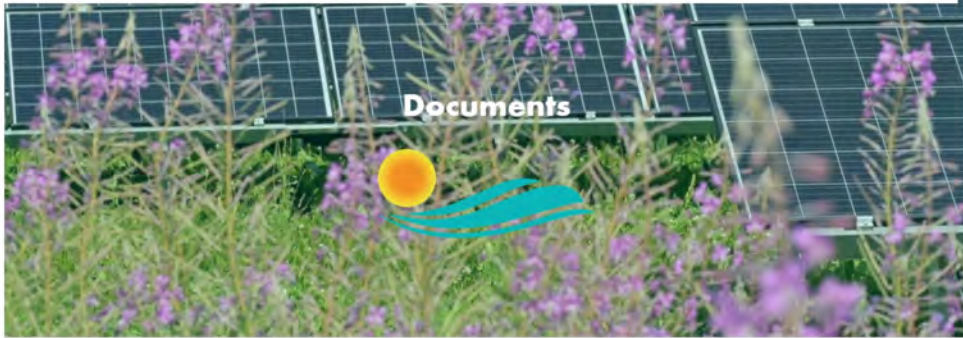
The SoCC includes a description of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation activities and offers further detail on how we will ensure an inclusive, meaningful, and open consultation process for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm proposals.

All feedback we receive will form part of our DCO application, for which we must produce a Consultation Report that, among other elements, details the feedback and consultation responses we have received, and provides responses to this feedback, explaining how we have considered it and the way in which it has influenced our proposals for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

Together with the results of ongoing environmental and technical studies, this will help further refine our proposals for Mallard Pass, and allow us to finalise the details of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project.

### Timeline





**This is where you can find all project documentation, ordered from most recent to least.**

**Stage Two Statutory Consultation documents**

- [Community Consultation Leaflet](#) - May 2022
- [Main Consultation Document](#) - May 2022
- [Feedback Form](#) - May 2022
- [Preliminary Environmental Information Report \(PEIR\)](#) - May 2022
  - [Preliminary Environmental Information Report Non-Technical Summary](#)
  - [Preliminary Environmental Information Report Volume 1: Main Text](#)
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    - [Appendix 12.4 Part 1](#)
    - [Appendix 12.4 Part 2](#)
    - [Appendices 131 - 19.2](#)
- [Draft Outline Employment, Skills and Supply Chain \(OESSCEP\)](#) - May 2022
- [Maps](#) - May 2022
- [Cross Sections](#) - May 2022
- [Visualisations](#) - May 2022
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- [Poster](#) - May 2022

**Previous publications**

- [Canadian Solar Inc. Statement](#) - May 2022
- Please note this statement is also available for viewing and download on the official Canadian Solar website: [Please click here to be redirected.](#)
- [Statement of Community Consultation \(SoCC\)](#) - May 2022
- [Section 47 Notice](#) - May 2022
- [Community Groups and Seldom Heard Groups](#) - May 2022
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Stage One\\*](#) - April 2022
- [Letter to Alicia Kearns MP](#) - March 2022
- [Community newsletter](#) - February 2022
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Stage One\\*](#) - February 2022

**Stage One consultation documents**

- [Main document](#) - November 2021
- [Maps](#) - November 2021
- [Consultation booklet](#) - November 2021
- [Feedback form](#) - November 2021
- [Poster](#) - November 2021
- [Exhibition materials](#) - November 2021

*\*These FAQs pertain exclusively to Stage One and as such may contain outdated information. Please find our Stage Two consultation materials with the most up-to-date information at the top of this webpage. Please find our Stage Two FAQs at the bottom of our home webpage, accessible by [clicking here](#).*

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### We want to keep you informed and hear your views on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

We have established dedicated communications lines for the project, which will be active for the duration of consultation on Mallard Pass Solar Farm. You can get in touch with members of our stakeholder engagement team using any of the communications lines listed below:

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### Keep up to date.

Register your interest to keep updated on our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

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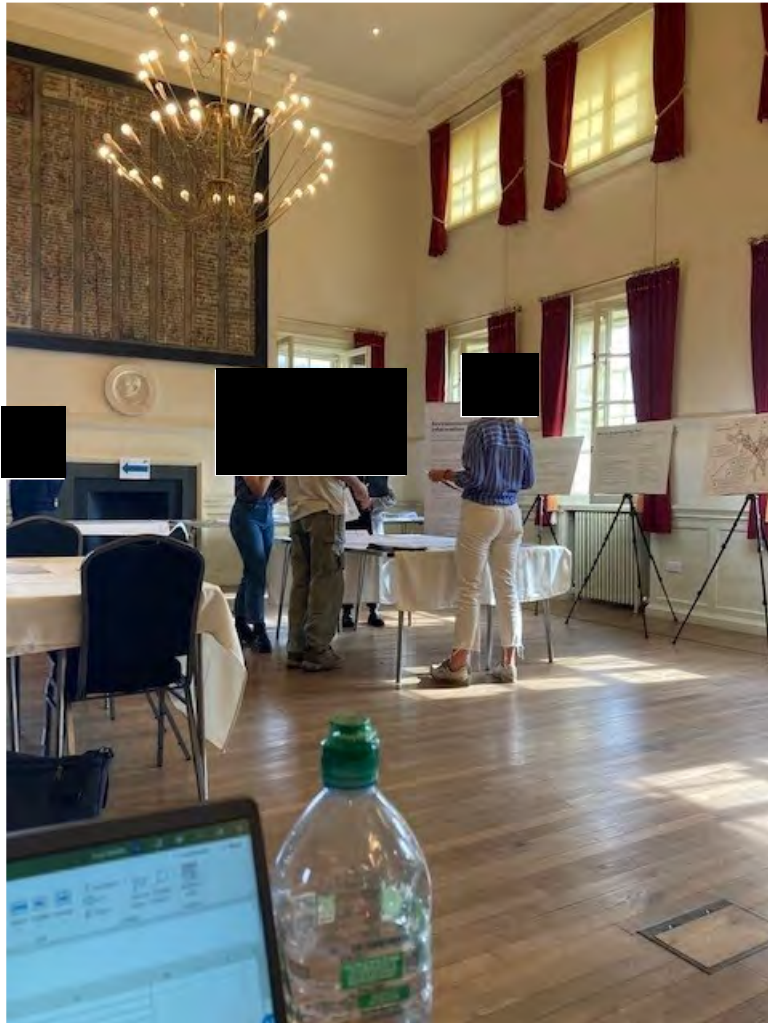


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## 9.2.11 PHOTOS OF IN-PERSON EVENTS











## 9.2.12 STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO WEBINARS



## Joining Instructions for Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stage Two Community Q&A Sessions

### Overview

You have been invited to attend a series of virtual community Q&A sessions during our Stage Two consultation period for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Each of these sessions will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about our proposals from the project team and ask them your questions.

This document provides you with a step-by-step guide to accessing the Q&A sessions.

The Q&A sessions will be held through an accessible online platform with the option for attendees to dial in via phone. Your audio and video will not be available to be heard or seen by anyone attending the session. Questions are submitted via the Q&A button on the bottom of your screen.

The Q&A sessions will be attended by the Mallard Pass Solar Farm project team, and will be conducted in a moderated Q&A format. All questions go through to a member of our team who will manage and collate them all to then be answered by a member of the team after the presentations.

We advise you to join the Q&A session a few minutes before starting time, if possible, and you are free to leave and re-join as many times as possible whilst the Q&A sessions are ongoing.

### Step-by-step guide to joining the webinar

1. To join your preferred Q&A session, please click on the corresponding link below, or enter the URL directly into your browser:
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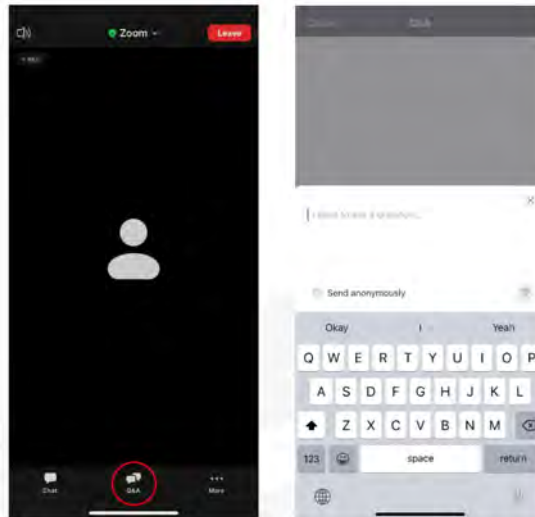
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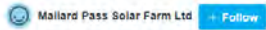


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## 9.2.14 WEBINAR SLIDES



# Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Community Consultation Information Webinar

05 July 2022





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# Agenda

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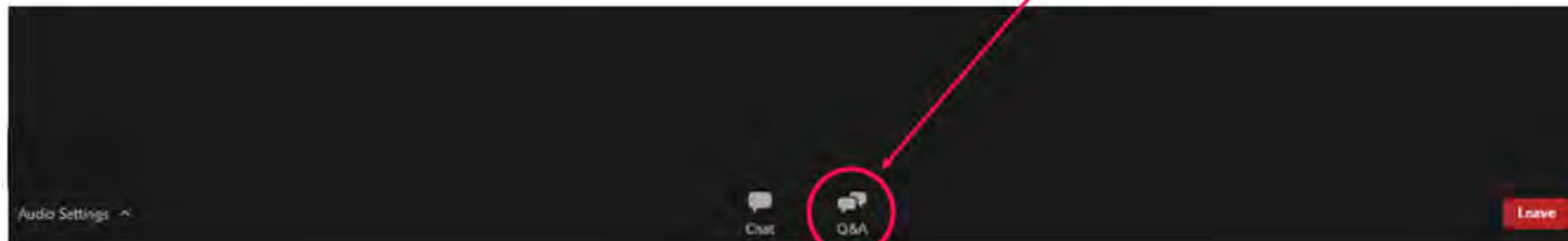


1. Welcome

# Welcome

## We want to hear your questions.

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- If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to send these to our project information lines – featured on slide 21.



## 2. Who we are

# Who we are

- Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd is a partnership between Windel Energy and Canadian Solar Inc., two companies with strong track records in delivering renewable energy developments.
- Windel Energy is a privately held company that specialises in the development and asset management of renewable energy projects and low carbon technologies, with more than 3 gigawatts (GW) of clean, renewable power and battery energy storage in various stages of development.
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***Our vision for Mallard Pass is to support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.***



**Windel Energy**





3. Our Stage Two proposals

## Our Stage Two proposals

We welcome all comments regarding Mallard Pass.



During this phase of consultation, we are particularly seeking to hear your views on our:

Developed design proposals

Mitigation measures

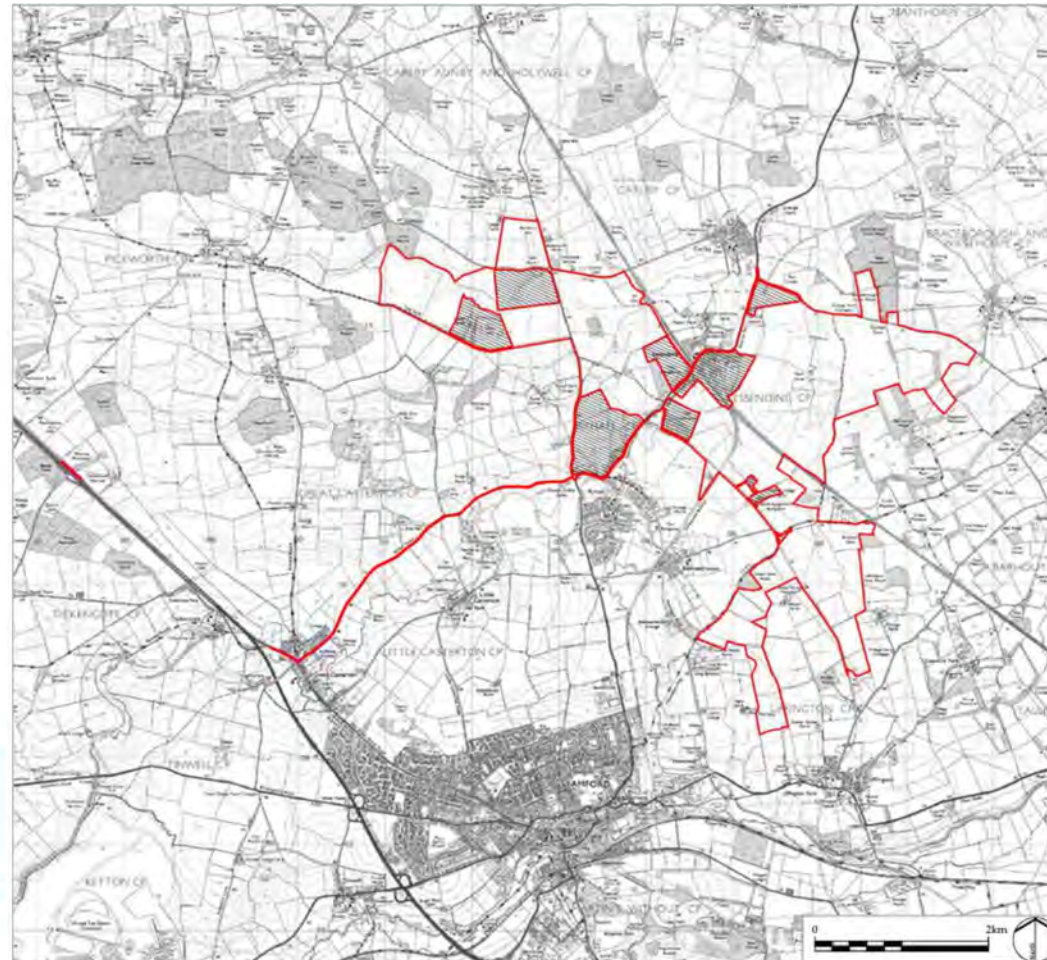
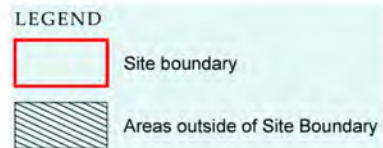
Proposed improvements and opportunities

Preliminary Environmental Information Report

3. Our Stage Two proposals – developed design

## Project boundary

- The site for Mallard Pass Solar Farm is on agricultural land either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine.
- The project includes a solar array, infrastructure to connect to the national grid, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works.
- Mallard Pass has the potential to generate in the region of 350 MW of renewable, clean energy.
- Mallard Pass will be partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire (249 ha), and partly in Rutland (657 ha).



3. Our Stage Two proposals – developed design

# Stage One design

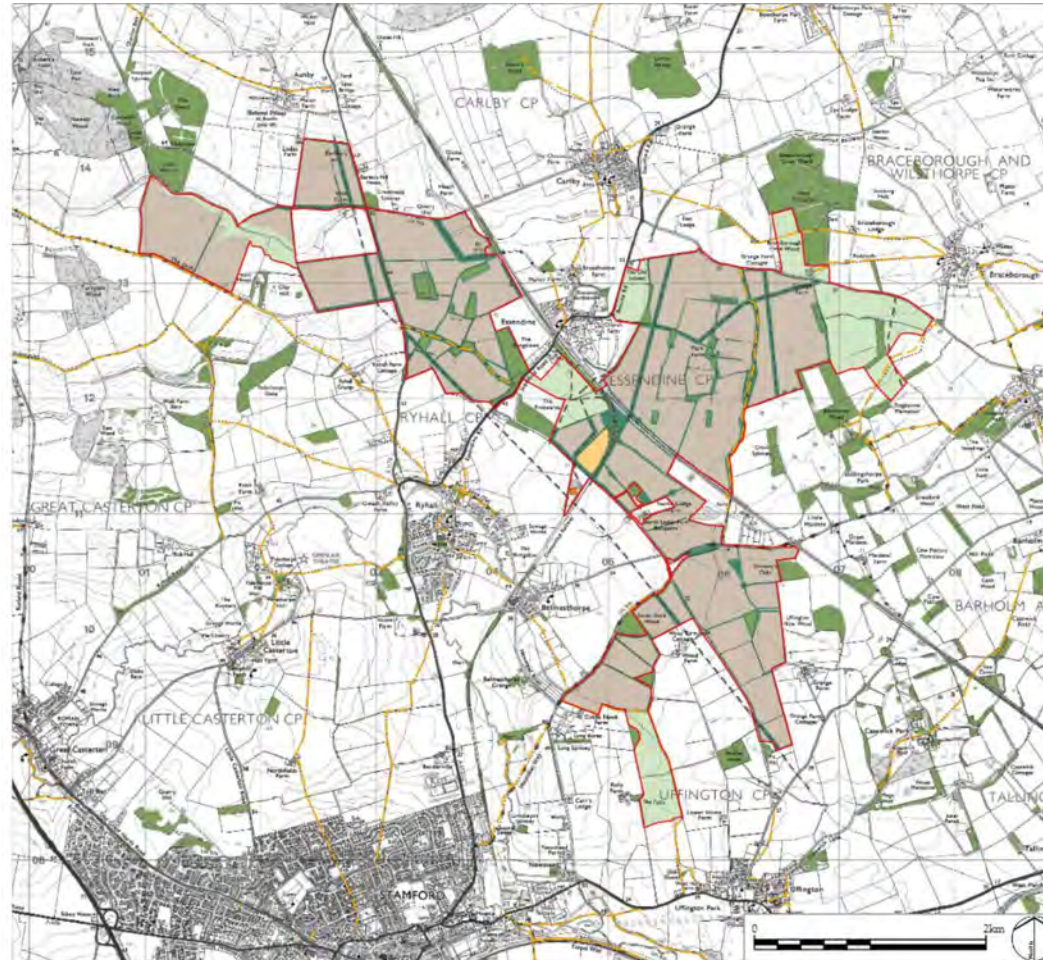
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**Site Features**

- Site boundary
- Existing Utilities (gas, water, sewer and electricity)
- National Grid Ryhall Substation
- Public Right of Way
- Woodland, hedgerows, trees, field boundary and ditches

**Concept Masterplan Proposals**

- Solar PV Site
- Mitigation and Enhancement Areas
- Primary Onsite Substation
- Buffers to woodland, trees, hedgerows, ditches, utilities and Public Rights of Way








3. Our Stage Two proposals – developed design





# Stage Two design

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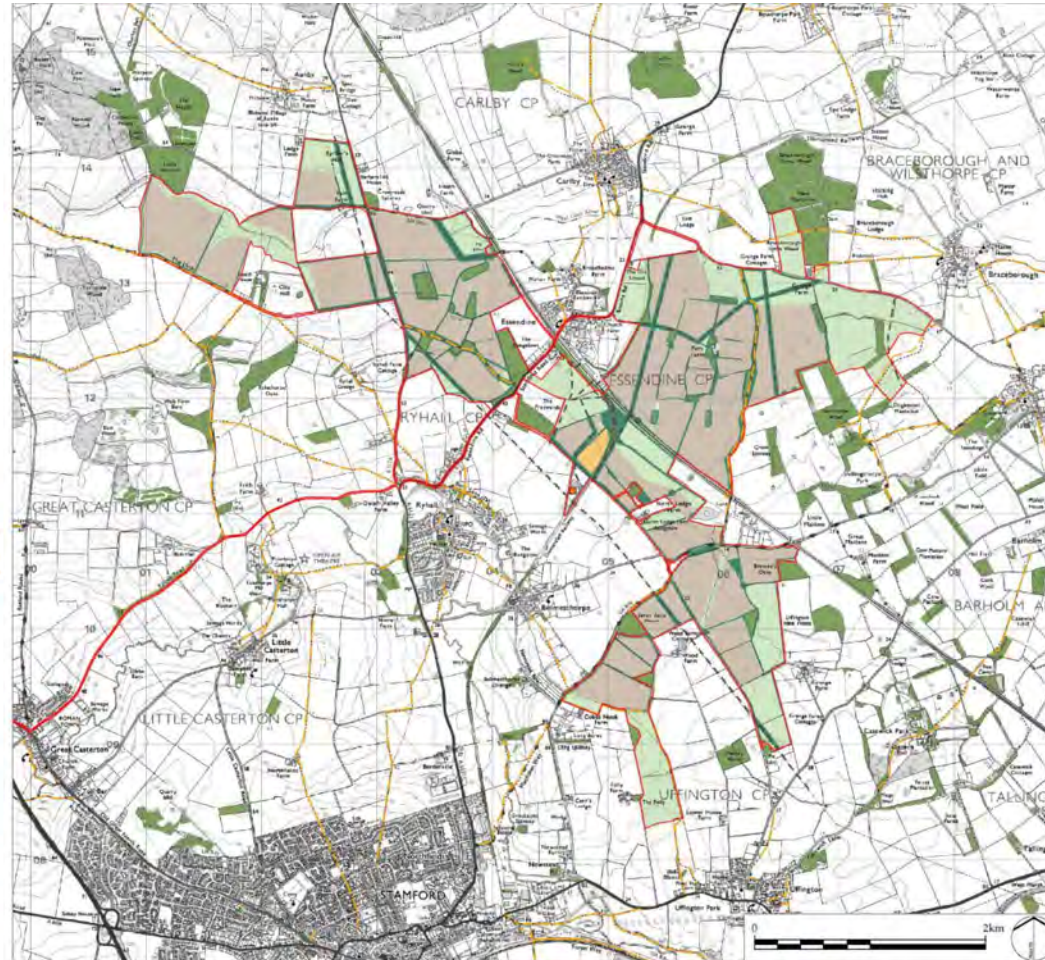
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Concept Masterplan Proposals

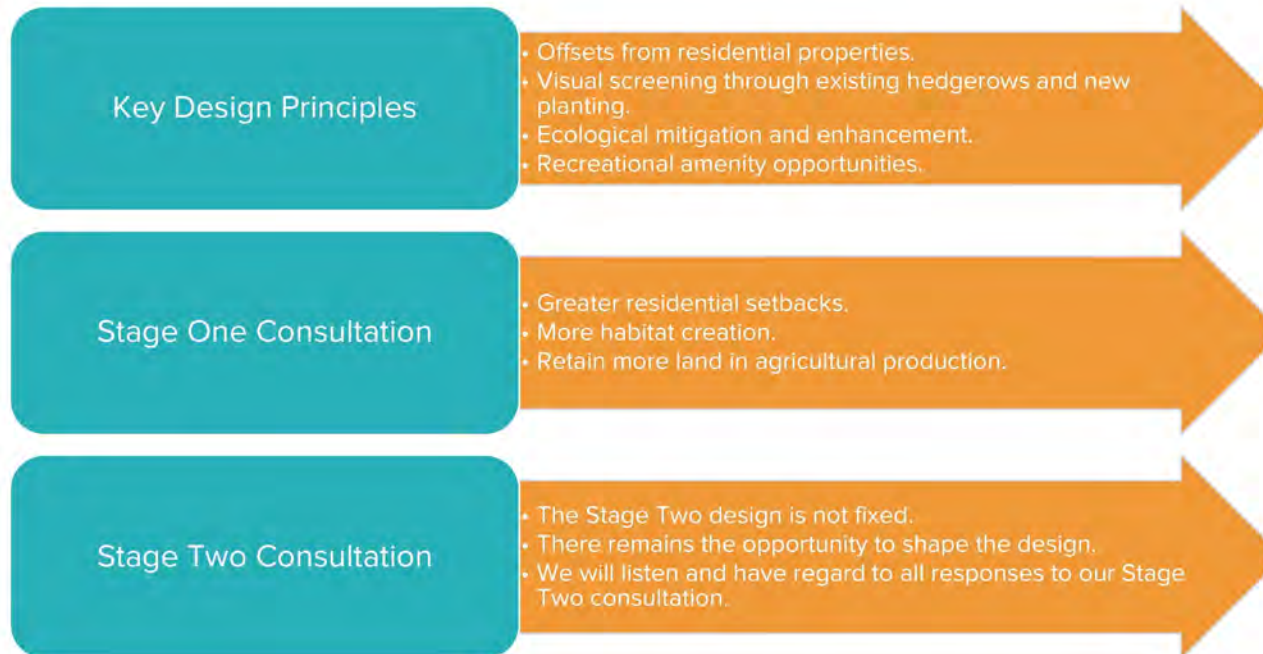
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-  Mitigation and Enhancement Areas
-  Primary Onsite Substation
-  Buffers to woodland, trees, hedgerows, ditches, utilities and Public Rights of Way

Feature	Approx. site area
Solar array and connection infrastructure (the solar PV site)	463 hectares
Areas for mitigation and ecological improvements (including existing woodland/hedgerows and associated offsets and continued agriculture)	420 hectares
Areas to allow for potential improvement works for accessing the developed area	23 hectares
Total site	906 hectares



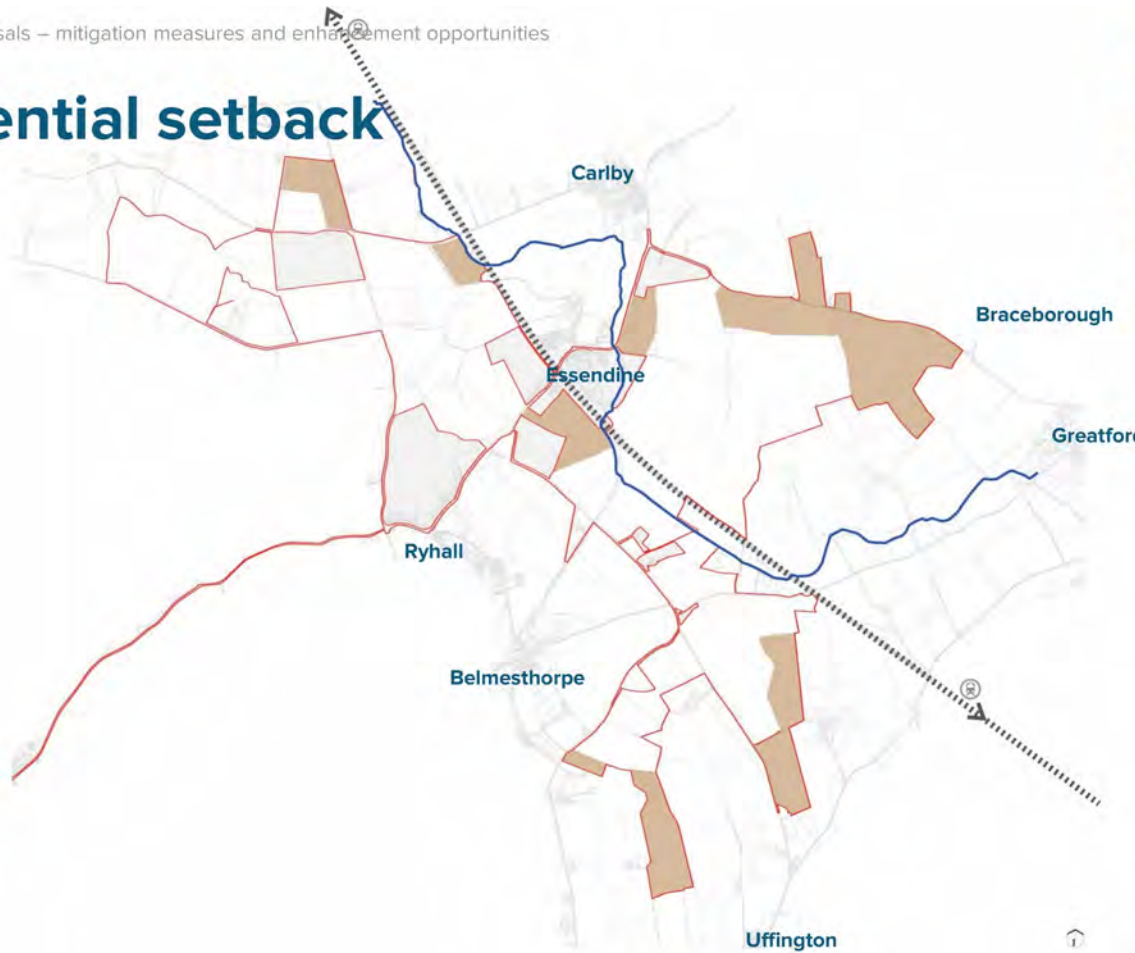


## Design development



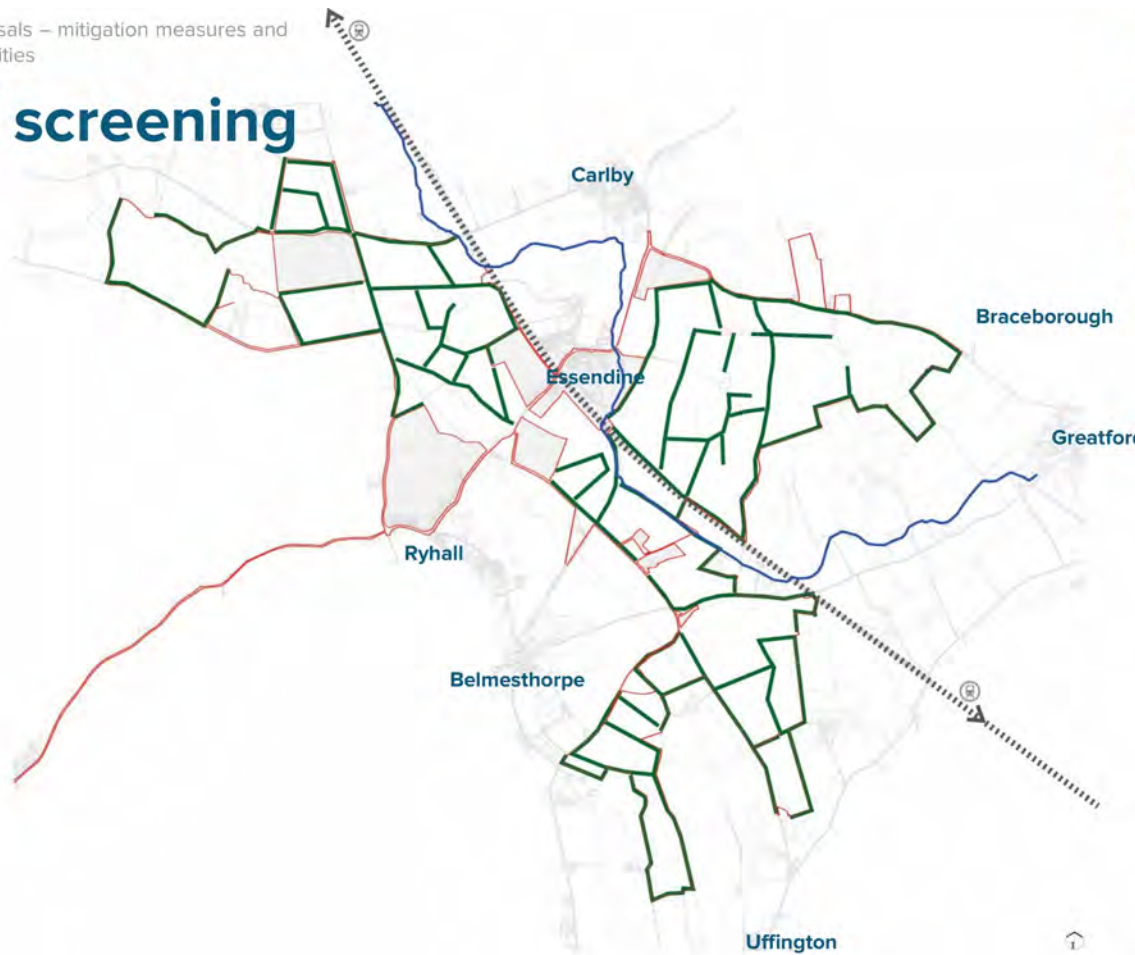
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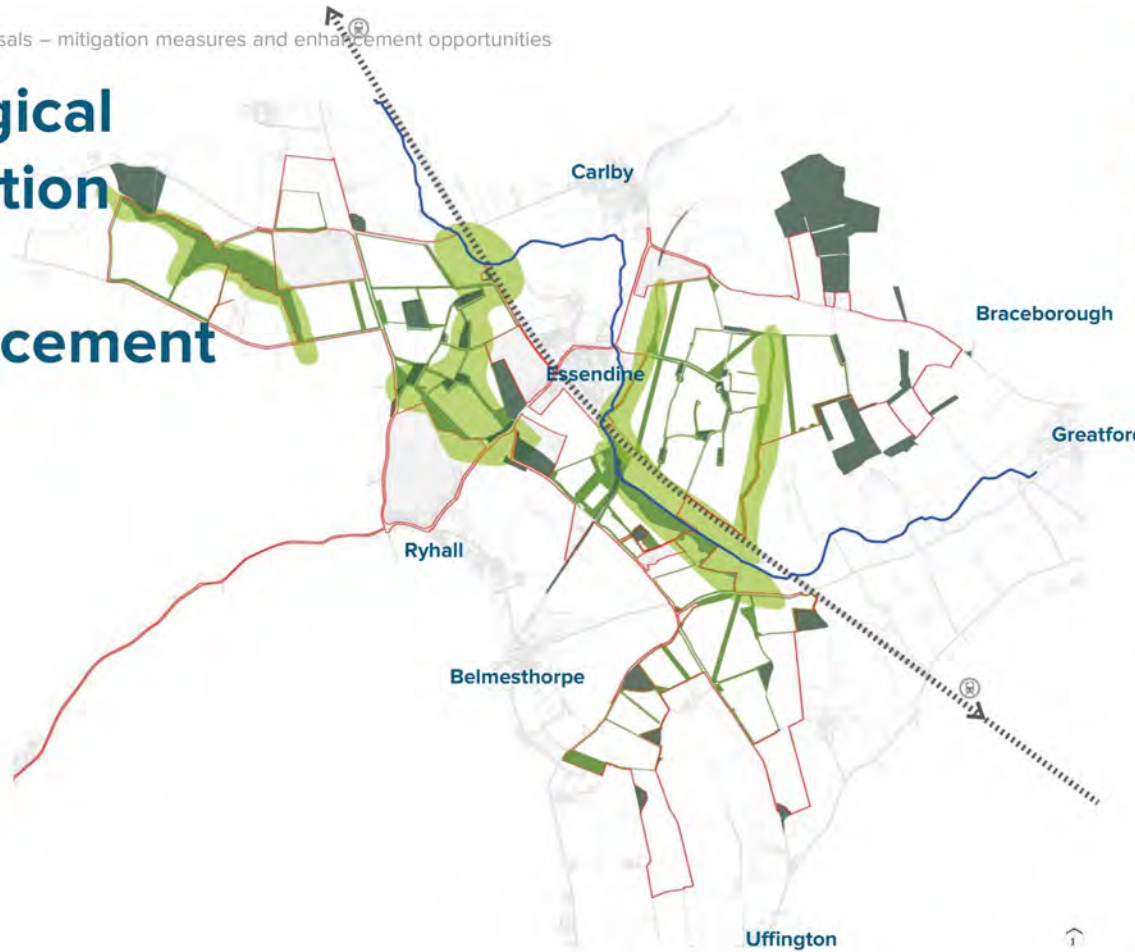
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## Visual screening



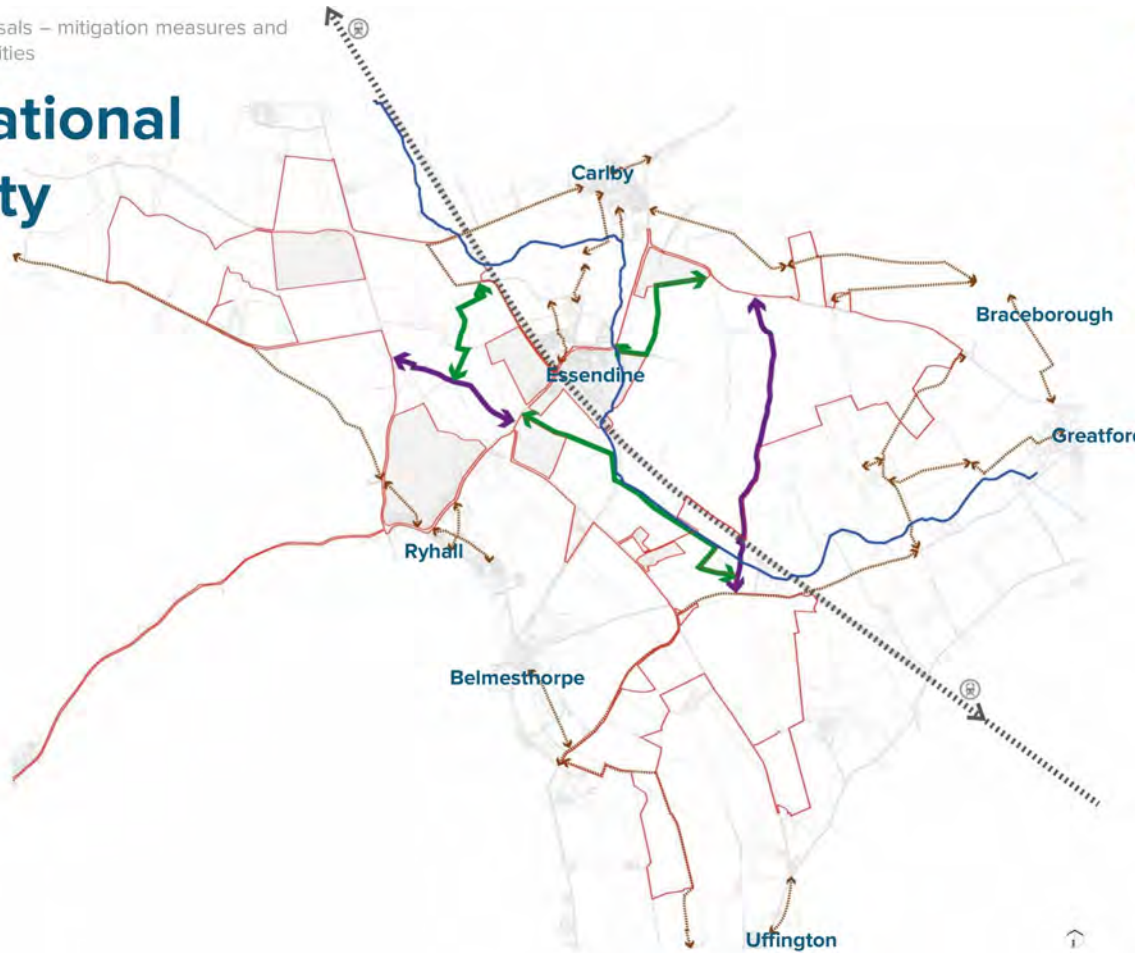
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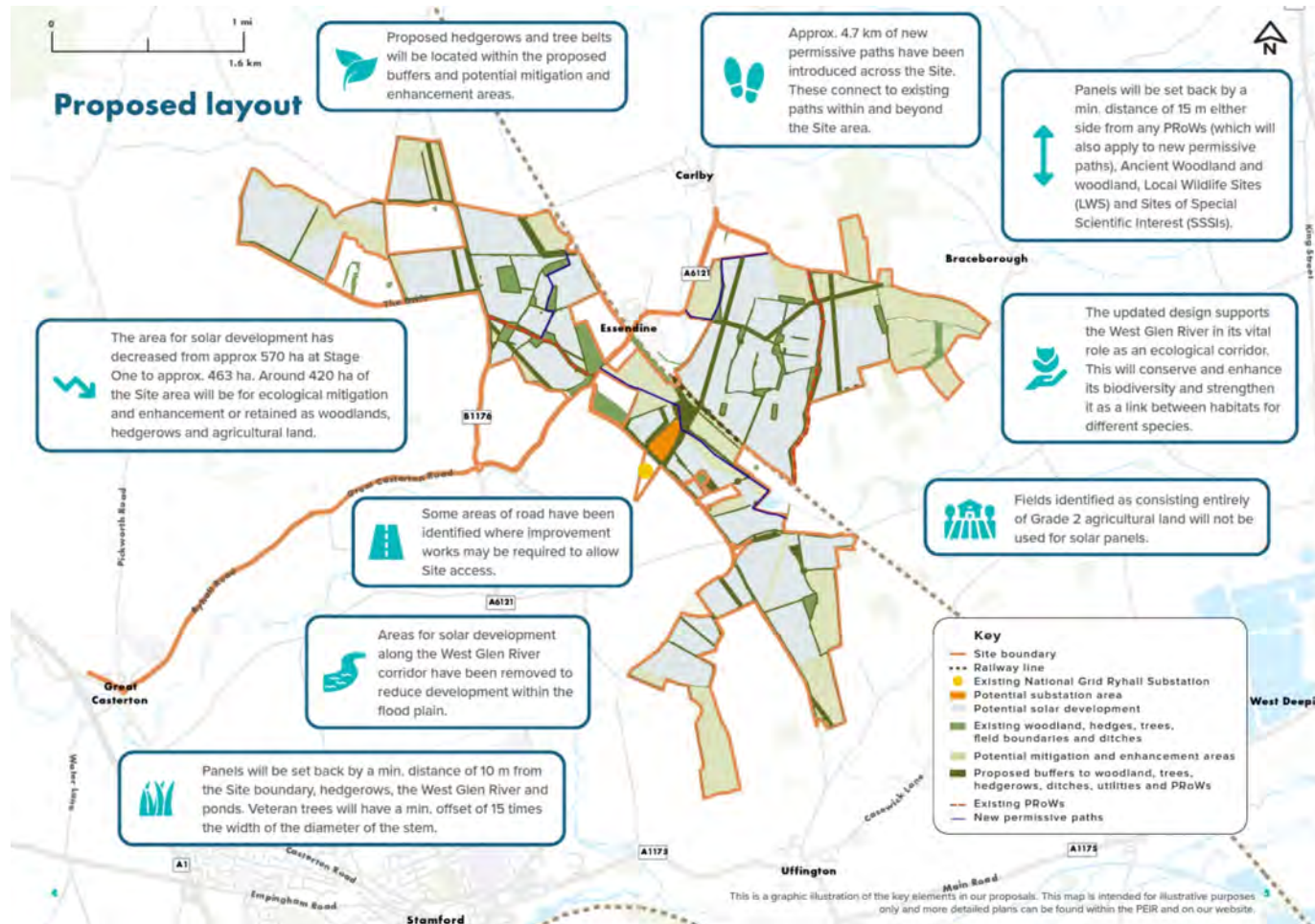
# Ecological mitigation and enhancement



3. Our Stage Two proposals – mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities

## Recreational amenity










3. Our Stage Two proposals













3. Our Stage Two proposals

# Stage Two design

**LEGEND**

-  Site Boundary
-  Existing Woodland
-  Existing Hedgerow / Verge
-  Existing Watercourse / Drain
-  Public Right of Way

**Proposed Design / Proposed Development Features**

-  Proposed Tussock Grassland with Wildflowers
-  Proposed Wildflower Grassland with Calcareous Species
-  Proposed Grazed Grassland
-  Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Woodland Copse
-  Proposed Scattered Woodland and Wetland Planting
-  Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Tree Belt
-  Proposed Screening / Structure Planting Hedgerows
-  Proposed Access Point and Internal Track
-  Proposed Primary Onsite Substation
-  Proposed Permissive Footpath
-  Proposed Feature (e.g. Interpretation Board / Bench / Ecological Habitat)
-  Proposed PV Arrays and Central Inverter / Transformers



3. Our Stage Two proposals – preliminary environmental information

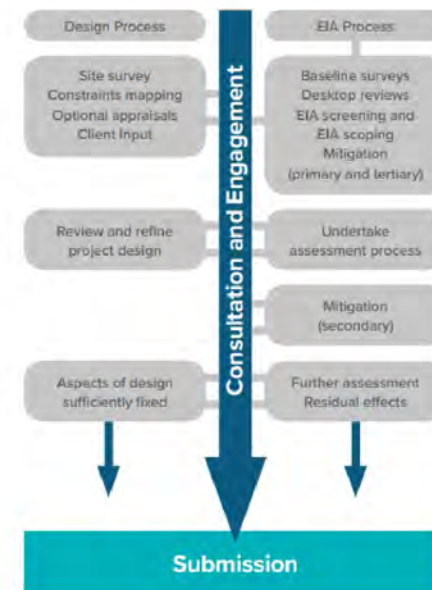
# Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and environmental information

Mallard Pass is an EIA development and requires the assessment of the development’s likely significant effects on the environment.

The EIA process for projects like Mallard Pass is broken down into 3 steps:



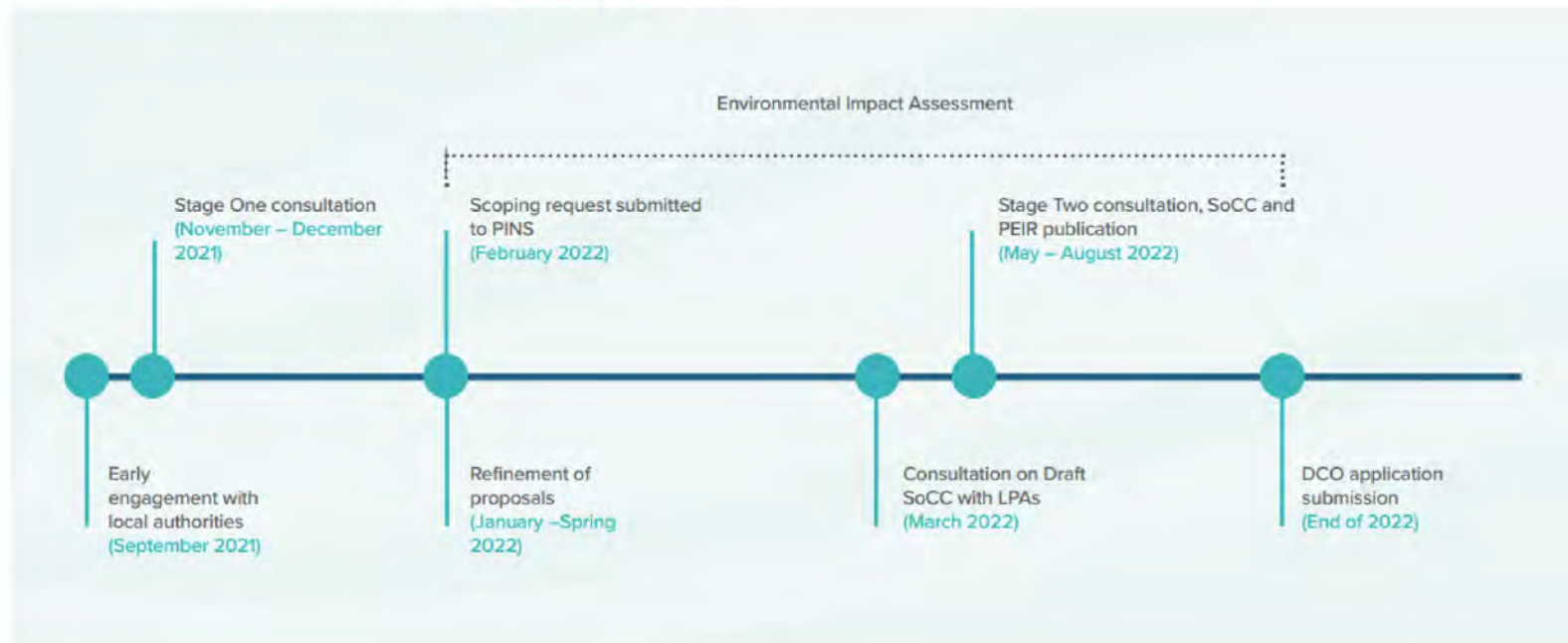
*The design of Mallard Pass is an iterative process and will continue to develop through consultation. The final design parameters will be considered in detail by environmental and technical specialists, who will also review and update the impacts of the development, and appropriate mitigation requirements.*





4. Our consultation process

## Our consultation process



## Stage Two Statutory Consultation



Timing	Publicity	Content	Materials	Accessibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 May – 04 August</li> <li>• Ten weeks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SoCC</li> <li>• Leaflet mail out to Core Consultation Zone</li> <li>• Newspaper notices and adverts</li> <li>• Local Information Points</li> <li>• Stakeholder briefings</li> <li>• Online updates</li> <li>• Social media</li> <li>• Digital mailing list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed design proposals</li> <li>• Suggested mitigation measures</li> <li>• Proposed opportunities</li> <li>• Associated environmental information (PEIR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Leaflet</li> <li>• Main Consultation Document</li> <li>• Website and virtual exhibition</li> <li>• PEIR</li> <li>• PEIR NTS</li> <li>• Feedback Form</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information will be shared online, through information events, and at Community Access Points.</li> <li>• Feedback invited through website, communications channels (email and Freepost), and events.</li> </ul>

4. Our consultation process

## Community Access Points (CAPs)



### Essendine Village Hall

Bourne Road  
Essendine  
Stamford  
PE9 4LQ

### Stamford Arts Centre

27 St Mary's Street  
Stamford  
Lincolnshire  
PE9 2DL

### Ryhall Library

Coppice Road  
Ryhall  
Rutland  
PE9 4HY

## 5. Contact us

# Contact us

**We want to keep you informed and hear your views on Mallard Pass Solar Farm.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more information about Mallard Pass Solar Farm and our associated consultation programme.

You can contact members of our stakeholder engagement team and find out more using any of our project-dedicated communications lines listed below.



**Email:** [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk)



**Freephone information line:** 0808 196 8717



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6. Your questions



# Your questions

Thank you for attending our webinar.

## 9.2.15 WEBINAR QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY THE APPLICANT

## Questions received during the Stage Two Statutory Consultation community webinars

The following list has been produced to provide a written account of the questions asked by members of the public during the two Stage Two Statutory Consultation community webinars, the first held on the 17 June 2022 and the second on 05 July 2022.

The Applicant answered all 132 questions it received from the public across both webinar sessions, listed below. These were either responded to during the respective live sessions (28 during Webinar 1; 78 during Webinar 2), or in writing in the respective follow-up documents (8 left over from Webinar 1; 18 from Webinar 2).

Questions have been grouped together under common headings within this document.

### Ecology and ornithology

- Q1.** How do you calculate your bio-diversity net gain and at what point is it achieved in the plant's life cycle? How does keeping mitigation areas in arable farming (the same as it is now) lead to a biodiversity increase?
- Q2.** Who is going to manage your BNG? Does the score factor in the damage and loss of habitat that may occur during construction and effectively have to recover?
- Q3.** For biodiversity net gain, will areas of the site proposed for mitigation and enhancements and under continued arable use be subject to covenants/a contract?
- Q4.** What are some details regarding the skylark plots you are proposing? What is their proposed size?
- Q5.** The Mallard Pass proposals include 'ecological enhancements.' Does this mean the area will be ecologically enhanced as a consequence of the proposals versus having no solar farm there at all (i.e., in its current state)?
- Q6.** You say 108 hectares (ha) is for wildflower and grassland planting, but doesn't this include areas which already have some established bio-diversity by way of the Glen river corridor, small areas of woodland, hedgerows and many existing margins? What proportion of that 108 ha is new vs the existing bio-diversity already in those areas?
- Q7.** What does ecological enhancement look like, and what does it actually entail?
- Q8.** Someone at an event quoted that the ecology strategy was planned so that it could be reversed and the land go back to arable, and this had limited the bio-diversity enhancements they could employ. What was meant by this?
- Q9.** The west glen river already has a wide area of grasses etc. extending 12 to 15 metres. Have you taken this into account when calculating "new" land for mitigation?

- Q10.** Who will be responsible for watering more mature planting? and maintaining all new planting against animal damage?
- Q11.** Biodiversity? Does this just mean wildflowers etc.?
- Q12.** How will the deer who roam wild across the entire area be "managed"? Some of this land is historically deer parkland hence the large number of herds and they have been in this area for centuries. I have a huge concern that this will decimate the numbers by rendering the area inaccessible to them, scaring them and filtering them directly onto the roads.
- Q13.** Are there any tangible targets to improve bio-diversity? Currently sounds like you have identified "opportunities" rather than "targets / deliverables"
- Q14.** So 10% net gain will be mandatory soon, are you looking to go above and beyond this or just meet the 10% figure?

#### **Landscape and visual impact assessment**

- Q15.** How much of the visual screening will be new? How long will this screening take to be effective?
- Q16.** Much of your visual screening appears to be hedgerows. What is the management regime for those hedges and screens? Will you just let them get taller? Management will be important to maintain the biodiversity quality of those features.
- Q17.** The Drift is a very well used BOAT for dog walkers, cyclists etc there is no screening proposed along this route to screen the PV panels in this area. Why?
- Q18.** How long does the new screening take to be effective? Does it take fifteen years, nearly 40% of the expected project lifetime?
- Q19.** How do you propose to mitigate the potential visual impacts of the proposed Primary Substation and control building?
- Q20.** Who will be responsible for maintaining hedgerows and other areas of mitigation? The current farmers? Windell?

#### **Site selection and assessment of alternatives**

- Q21.** Where are the extra 23 ha on the site, not clear?
- Q22.** Could disused Royal Air Force (RAF) bases not be used to site Mallard Pass Solar Farm?
- Q23.** What technical analysis has been completed to make you change the scope?
- Q24.** Why is this proposal to trash beautiful countryside being considered when there are numerous brownfield sites and factory roofs for this facility?
- Q25.** Site boundary shows field at boundary of A1621 and carlby road. Should this be included? Is it under the ownership of the farmers you have already agreed this with?



### **Land use, agriculture and recreation**

- Q27.** Please can you better define [what] the "continued agriculture" in mitigation and enhancement areas relates to - are you handing that back to the landowners?
- Q28.** You have just indicated that Grade 2 land has been removed from land for PV panels but on reading the information it is contradictory, in both the Main Document and the PEIR non-tech summary you say that, some of the land will be excluded from the Solar PV Site and will be retained as Mitigation and Enhancement Areas but will continue to be managed in arable use. However the map illustrations show that all the mitigation areas will be in some form of grassland. Please can you clarify:- exactly which mitigation areas by field number and acreage will remain in arable production- will they continue to be farmed on a similar arable rotation as present?- How much and which land in the mitigation area will be grassland - what land use scenario in the mitigation areas have you used to calculate your biodiversity net gain? Please can you indicate what % of grade 3a land will now be used since you have changed your plans following Stage one consultation?
- Q29.** Mitigation areas: if you look at the map illustrations it shows grassland in the mitigation areas, the report is contradictory in a number of places e.g. 3.13.3 Non Tech summary says "the majority of existing arable farms within mitigation and enhancement areas will continue to be farmed under arable rotation". Which is it to be, if a mixture which areas are which by field numbers? What scenario have you based your bio-diversity calculations on? That map shows them all as grassland, it doesn't show any arable.
- Q30.** Are these proposed recreational routes permissive or statutory?
- Q31.** How will the grassland below the panels be grazed - sheep? If so, how will they be managed and who will do it? Land not for solar arrays, non-solar PV areas and arable land. Who retains it and is responsible for it? Is it Windel, CSI, the contractor or existing landowners?
- Q32.** Why are areas proposed for continued arable use included within the proposed boundary for Mallard Pass Solar Farm?
- Q33.** How do you propose to partner arable farming with the solar panels?
- Q34.** What form of livestock grazing is being considered for the land underneath the solar panels? Can land under solar panels grow things underneath?
- Q35.** Does the grazing license allow for re-drilling of grass underneath the solar panels? If so, how is this done?
- Q36.** Is it planned that the land used for panels be entered into any RPA [Rural Payments Agency] schemes?
- Q37.** Will shooting/hunting still be permitted on land Mallard Pass is proposing for solar development i.e., with panels?
- Q38.** What are the ALC grades for the land under panels?

- Q39.** Please can you clarify if ALL grade 2 land is removed from having solar arrays or just those areas which as you describe are 'whole' fields. Can you also clarify exactly how much Grade 3a remains in the area which will have panels installed?
- Q40.** How many Ha are being retained for arable farming, it looks like 312Ha ie. 420-108? Why does the retained arable area still need to stay within the site boundary? A condition of your lease arrangement could be that farmers have to continue to provide areas for ground nesting birds on the arable land – it does not need to be part of the solar farm.
- Q41.** Will the PV panels allow grazing underneath?
- Q42.** 2.9 miles of permissive paths across a site that has a 25 mile boundary (measured if you were to put up a fence around the site) is very poor in terms of adding recreational amenity. If the arable is definitely staying as part of the site, why can't additional paths be put around the arable which is not adjacent to the solar panels?
- Q43.** How many 2000 acre solar sites have sheep grazing? How will they be managed, breeding flock?
- Q44.** Welcome the proposed permissive footpaths but would it be possible to enable cycle use of these? In the case of the route along the West Glen River, this may be particularly useful as it may help to displace some cyclists from the single-track road that serves the main compound and substation and so reduce potential conflicts with construction vehicles.
- Q45.** New permissive paths, who will be maintaining them? Will they be fenced either side?
- Q46.** At the end of the life of the site, how long in months or years would it take for the soil to be returned to its original quality (as now) of fertility?
- Q47.** As a member of the Lincolnshire Local Access forum you provide more information on how you are considering improved access to exiting PROW and the new "permissive" PROW (I assume these will only be footpaths?)
- Q48.** Who will assume long term responsibility for hedgerow and wilding site maintenance?
- Q49.** What is the ALC category breakdown of the land under the solar panels?
- Q50.** What stocking density of sheep do you expect under the panels? Given the pressure on the red meat sector regarding their carbon emissions will you factor their presence into your calculations on the impact of carbon emissions from this scheme?
- Q51.** Essendine Road in Uffington...has three horse / livery establishments and is regularly used by horse riders. All the bridlepaths in the immediate area are going to have solar panels on both sides. What are you going to do to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the country side by the equine community?

### **Project description – equipment and infrastructure**

- Q52.** You show no fences on your maps, where are they, always next to the panels or on the site boundary? What allowances do the fencing areas make for habitat corridors? Will the panels be set back 15m from rights of way etc., or will the fences be set back 15 meters? You show no fences on your maps, why and where are they?
- Q53.** You state that the area of panels has been reduced by around twenty percent. How will this affect the capacity (350MW), annual MW/hr produced and your estimated number of homes that could be supplied?
- Q54.** Battery storage: you “have decided not to bring this aspect of development forward “at this time”. Why and what does ‘at this time’ mean?
- Q55.** Will the solar panels last for forty years? Do they not degrade over time?
- Q56.** Are the panels likely to require replacement before the end of the 30-year lease? Does the carbon neutrality calculation account for potentially needing to replace panels before then?
- Q57.** You have two maps for the panels tracker and fixed. They are the same. Why? Tracker panels are said to be 15 to 20% more efficient.
- Q58.** If the size of the solar farm has been reduced, how can you still get 350mw?
- Q59.** Am I right to have been quoted the crane lifting in the transformer containers is 80 tonnes? That compares to an average John Deere combine used locally fully loaded at 25 tonnes?
- Q60.** What battery storage plans? Not now included but what about in the future?
- Q61.** How many panels will be on the Solar farm please?
- Q62.** Can we actually have sight of each panel option, together with their respect stands? Everyone talks about the 'array' and there are many examples via pictures - but no-one has seen the actual proposed panels themselves. We are left with designing our own 'mock-ups' to demonstrate height and impact - plus can we understand literally how many of these panels will cover the site.

### **Traffic and transport**

- Q63.** The main bridleway -given it runs through the middle of the site with panels either side- what is the max time it would be closed during construction?
- Q64.** What is the accountability process should one of your construction vehicles not travel using the prescribed access routes? Will local authorities be provided with resources to manage this possibility?
- Q65.** Can you confirm you are still planning to use the 3 transport routes suggested in the PEIR. Someone had mentioned route 2 couldn't be used as there were weight restrictions?
- Q66.** You propose a number of compounds across the site - have all of the sites been properly evaluated for safety on access and egress at each location? The one

proposed on the B1176 is proposed on the brow of a 'blind' hill where traffic moves at speed.

- Q67.** How are you going to ensure that the construction traffic use the dedicated routes and do not take a short cut down Essendine Road in Uffington ,which is totally unsuitable for heavy traffic?
- Q68.** In 4.8 Consultation Doc you talk of Construction traffic being 105 2 way LGV trips and 54 2 way HGV trips. How can you reassure the residents of Carby, Witham, Thurlby etc that Vehicles on the proposed out route wont take short cuts to save time.
- Q69.** How will routes be policed? what if the rules are not adhered to?What comeback do local residents have?
- Q70.** How will the residents be able to identify the construction traffic to be able to 'report' those that do not adhere to the routes
- Q71.** How will we know which traffic is going to the construction site? Will they have to carry some kind of identification on the vehicle?

#### **Water resources and flood risk**

- Q72.** What about the possible effects of flooding where the solar panels are located? Regarding flood issues your base line assumption appears to be that the land is compacted and that running over it with construction equipment won't make it any worse. Nearly all agricultural operations occur when soils are relatively dry and certainly not when soils are wet. Agricultural equipment creates a small amount of tramlines in comparison to construction equipment. Therefore, what extra measures will you be putting in to ensure run-off from the site to off-site land is not worse than today? Why do you not show off-site land on your maps when you are talking about flood risk? Residents of Greatford have highlighted flood issues not just from the West Glen river but also from run-off on saturated land downhill into the village.
- Q73.** Who will be responsible for maintaining the waterways? EA?

#### **Climate change, environmental impact and need for the project**

- Q74.** How will you achieve a balance between appropriately mitigating biodiversity impacts and public usage of the permissive paths being proposed? These do not always sit comfortably together.
- Q75.** Following the United Nations Life Cycle Assessments for Electricity Generation Options Carbon Neutrality report for March 2022, utility solar farms are one of least efficient forms of renewable energy production with some of the highest lifetime pollution ratings for Green House Gas emissions (GHG emissions) and dependency on mineral resources and land usage. Can you comment on this?
- Q76.** Clean renewable energy. How many years will it take to repay the carbon footprint involved in manufacture etc
- Q77.** Community orchards, allotments, benches and so on do not normally sit comfortably with wild life. How can you promise all of these benefits?

- Q78.** How can you justify consuming good arable land when we are facing food shortages? Why not brownfield?
- Q79.** Why do the panels need to be so intrusive at more than 3 metres high?
- Q80.** Have you taken the many areas of game cover crops on the farms in your calculations. They already exist as areas in which wild birds shelter

#### **Health**

- Q81.** Being able to enjoy wide, open green spaces is important for the mental health of many. How are potential impacts on the mental health of local residents assessed?

#### **Air quality, noise and vibration**

- Q82.** Have you considered the true noise impact when you take into account standard prevailing wind conditions at any of the sensitive receptors given the topography?

#### **Planning process**

- Q83.** When is your design freeze deadline for drafting the DCO submission, and when is the DCO submission being made? When is the design freeze for DCO submission?
- Q84.** Why are you not seeking a time-limited consent with your DCO application?
- Q85.** Why does it take 2 years before construction starts if you receive approval in 2024?
- Q86.** How can we give an opinion on this design if its not fixed?
- Q87.** It is not clear in what order you plan to start the construction i.e. would you do advance planting and sow the grassland well in advance of construction so that it can establish itself? How much construction do you plan to do in winter months when on average the soil is saturated for 115 days of the year? Where do you set your baseline for soil compaction before construction?
- Q88.** What guarantee can you make for reestablishment of site after the 40 years lease?
- Q89.** Are you definitely freezing the design by end of August?
- Q90.** Will you be intending to approach any further farmers to increase the size if you get permission?
- Q91.** Can you give assurances that at a future date you will NOT seek to increase the acreage of the area with solar panels?
- Q92.** If scheme is decommissioned? Is there a chance that the lease ends in 40 years and then just left?
- Q93.** So it fair to say you can only speak of strategies that are in place today but as long term residents of this area, what comfort is anything you say meant to bring?

In all fairness you can not make any guarentees for the future of the country side that we live in. So, what guarentees are you prepared to make.

**Q94.** Will a bond be in place for financing decommissioning

#### **Developers**

**Q95.** How many projects has Windel completed?

**Q96.** You said you have been involved in many solar farms. This large?

**Q97.** Are any Windel installations in UK? If so, what successes have they realised both energy generation and environmental mitigation?

**Q98.** You say you've done a number of large scale solar farms - what's the largest one you've been involved with?

**Q99.** Canadian Solar tend to flip their solar farms. They have just sold one in Brazil before it has been built. Will this be the case for MPSF?

**Q100.** How many of you know anything about sheep?

**Q101.** Canadian Solar have indicated their committment for the long term but I am not clear of Windel's committment to the project for the longer term - please can you clarify.

#### **Consultation**

**Q102.** Please can you give the audience an idea of how many people are in the meeting?

**Q103.** As of the end of today, the [hard copy] PEIR has been available to study for only four hours. Two in the early evening and one in the morning. Can the PEIR be made more available to access?

**Q104.** Clearly there are many more questions that can be dealt with today and, I would suggest in the other events. Can you and your colleagues commit to use their best endeavours to answer all questions put by e-mail?

**Q105.** When will you answer all these questions in writing for all to see, when available?

**Q106.** I have enquired about the project via email and have yet to receive answers to my questions. Will you endeavour to respond to all questions swiftly?

**Q107.** I have asked a number of questions by e-mail and have been told that they are with the project team. When will I get answers?

**Q108.** Can you confirm you will upload the recording of this webinar tomorrow and not wait for the transcript, given its nearly 3 weeks since the 1st webinar and we haven't seen a transcript?

**Q109.** You refere to the Pier a lot. Are residents seriously expected to read all the document to have answers?

**Q110.** I understand that those living directly adjacent to the site should by now have received a communication under section 44. I am one of those residents - why have these letters not been sent?

**Other**

**Q111.** Have you included any local airfields as statutory consultees? Is RAF Wittering a stakeholder in the discussions. There are safety issues with regard to Glint & Glare on sites such as this one...please see the refused proposal for Doncaster Airport (July 2014). Also has any shielding analysis been carried out on the potential for interference on local airfield radar sites?

**Q112.** Will Mallard Pass use up all the remaining 3rd phase of capacity at the Ryhall substation, if Mallard's input is the max 350MW how much is left over in that 3rd phase?

**Q113.** As solar panels have been a focus of criminal theft how secure is your site from those intent of profiting that way. Wooden post and mesh will not stop them. Has any account been taken of a possible increase in rural theft spilling over to the local community as criminals "case the joint"? Rural security is an important consideration these days.

**Q114.** Apart from the provision of some additional PRow what other benefits are being provided/offered for local communities who are going to have their local environment changed dramatically by this proposed scheme? And will suffer huge inconvenience to their daily lives in the construction and decommissioning phases.

**Q115.** Is 350 megawatts (MW) the maximum capacity of the National Grid Ryhall Substation?

**Q116.** Will the locals get free electricity as a compensation for having the site on their doorstep?

**Q117.** What about knock on rural crime for local residents?

**Q118.** What benefits will Mallard Pass Solar Farm bring to local communities living within, or adjacent to the site area? What benefits will this project bring directly and guaranteed to the local community? Are there any direct benefit to communities within, or adjacent to, the site?

**Q119.** What is the capital cost to build Mallard Pass? How long will it be before these costs are recovered?

**Q120.** Has an Historic Environment Farm Environment Record (HEFER) been completed? Are there any areas of Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England (SHINE) that have been identified?

**Q121.** How many annual hours of sunlight has been calculated to be needed in order to generate the approximately 350 megawatts (MW) Mallard Pass is proposing to deliver? How does this compare to the hours of sunlight specifically registered in this area?

**Q122.** 350MW. What is the capacity utilisation factor.

- Q123.** “Archaeological remains dating to the prehistoric period are in abundance within the Solar PV site and its surrounding area” quotes PEIR. What extra survey work are you doing to ensure you are not constructing in areas deemed of key importance given 2.5m pile driving could be pretty destructive? Do you have full backing at this stage from the relevant consultees that you can construct across the whole site?
- Q124.** Why does the TEC register show 240MW not 350MW?
- Q125.** 320 MW not 350MW?
- Q126.** Why is the lease with the farmers only 30 years when you say the solar panels will safely last 40 years?
- Q127.** are you planning to get permission and then sell the lease? If so what controls and will the new owner of the lease be held responsible for all points agreed at point of planning?
- Q128.** What would be the cost to build and new substation such as the Ryhall substation? it's agreement to construction was it would have little or no detrimental impact to the countryside.
- Q129.** Based on the 5yr average of Wheat production 7.8 tonnes per hectare, current land area would produce +7000 tonnes of wheat were will this be grown in future?
- Q130.** Presumably the wooden fence posts will be a risk to archaeology, has this been factored in?
- Q131.** How independent are the surveys you commission?
- Q132.** I'm sure they are experienced, but if you are instructing them and paying their invoices, can they truly be independent. Is there any opportunity for residents to ask for totally independent surveys? Will the planning inspectorate do any surveys



## 9.2.16 WEBINAR ONE RESPONSES TO UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

## Mallard Pass Solar Farm Community Webinar Stage Two Consultation Event

Friday 17 June 2022: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Who we are
3. Our Stage Two proposals
  - Developed design
  - Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities
  - Preliminary environmental information
4. Our consultation process
5. Contact us
6. Your questions

### Responses to unanswered questions

**Q: For biodiversity net gain, will areas of the site proposed for mitigation and enhancements and under continued arable use be subject to covenants/a contract?**

**A:** Yes – should our Development Consent Order (DCO) application be approved, Mallard Pass Solar Farm will be legally required to meet any commitments secured through the DCO.

This includes the project's commitment to achieving a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain and ensuring that any proposed landscape and ecological measures proposed are delivered and appropriately managed in order to fulfil the intended mitigation and enhancement outcomes.

Fields that we have excluded from the area of the site proposed for solar development at Stage Two will be retained as mitigation and enhancement areas whilst also continuing to be managed in arable use. The majority of the fields within areas we're proposing for mitigation and enhancements will continue to be farmed under arable rotation with additional measures to support skylarks. Some other mitigation and enhancement areas within the site, principally in the northwest, will be used for chalk grassland biodiversity enhancements, whilst for mitigation and enhancement areas adjacent to the West Glen River we are looking to enhance riparian habitats through planting and shallow scrapes for birds.

These proposed measures will form part of our Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP), which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) as part of the DCO application. As part of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we have produced the framework of a draft oLEMP, in **Appendix 5.2** of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

The oLEMP will set out a plan for the creation and management of the landscape and ecological features of Mallard Pass. It will set out the framework of the management regime that would be put into place during the operational phase of Mallard Pass, while construction measures will be set out in an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (or oCEMP) to further ensure that landscape and ecological measures are managed appropriately to achieve the desired outcome.

Should our DCO application receive consent, we will then be required to submit a detailed Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for approval to the local planning authority. The LEMP and CEMP must be in accordance with the oLEMP and oCEMP as approved by PINS, and we would also be legally required to deliver a project that meets the commitments set out in both.

The content and detail of the oLEMP to be submitted as part of the DCO will be further developed following feedback received during our Stage Two Statutory Consultation. This is to ensure that our proposed measures (including the management of existing vegetation) are appropriately delivered and managed in order to fulfil the intended mitigation and enhancement outcomes, including ensuring that biodiversity net gain commitments are achieved.



**Q: Why are areas proposed for continued arable use included within the proposed boundary for Mallard Pass Solar Farm?**

**A:** Areas proposed to be retained for continued arable use are included in our proposed boundary for Mallard Pass because we are proposing to implement mitigation and/or enhancement measures in these areas, and it is important that these are secured through the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. Should our DCO application be approved, consent for Mallard Pass would therefore include these commitments, because they are included in the proposed boundary and form part of our plans.

During our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we are proposing that approximately 420 hectares (ha) of the overall site area to be used for ecological mitigation and enhancement. The majority of the fields within these mitigation and enhancement areas will continue to be farmed under arable rotation with additional measures to support skylarks, with commitments as how this will be managed set out in the DCO application. We are specifically proposing to improve some of this retained agricultural land with plots for ground-nesting skylark, similar to those already existing in the area, to compensate for the loss of breeding nest sites.

**Q: How long does the new screening take to be effective? Does it take fifteen years, nearly 40% of the expected project lifetime?**

**A:** Proposed screening would not take fifteen years to become effective, as the continued growth of planting over time provides ever increasing levels of screening. The use of trees and hedgerows for screening is an important part of visual mitigation, and we are therefore proposing extensive new planting across the site, as well as the gapping up of existing hedgerows where necessary.

There are a number of factors that can influence growth rates of plants. Using standard growth rates from the Forestry Commission, one could reasonably expect new planting to reach a height of around 3.3 metres (m) (i.e., the maximum height of the solar panels we are proposing) by year 5, by year 15 reaching around 8 m.

Our visual mitigation strategy also includes proposals to plant some higher species of trees and hedgerows where these may be needed, which in some cases would be planted from day one in certain areas where residential properties are nearby. We are open to feedback on where more mature planting may be required, and highly welcome your views regarding where you think additional mature planting may be needed.

In the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), we provide visualisations from various local viewpoints that show the effect of landscaped screening at Years 1 and 15. Please [click here](#) to view visualisations 1 to 20, and [click here](#) to view visualisations 21 to 40. These viewpoints were decided in consultation with the relevant local planning authorities. In the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA), Year 1 is considered because it generally represents the 'worst case scenario / maximum impact' of the proposed development, essentially the point of highest potential visibility because planting has just gone in. Year 15 represents the potential 'residual impact,' when mitigation planting has had time to fully mature, providing an indication of the longer term effects of proposed mitigation planting.

The reason a Year 1 and Year 15 scenario is illustrated is because this is the general standard timeframe for undertaking a LVIA. It is not because it would take 15 years for the screening to become effective, as proposed hedgerows (for example, and as noted above) should be able to screen the panels by year 5. Further, to clarify that the planting should also continue to mature after Year 15, continuing to provide additional screening along with existing vegetation, which will be retained and managed to grow out more fully.



**Q: Will the solar panels last for forty years? Do they not degrade over time?**

**A:** The exact panel type to be used for Mallard Pass Solar Farm has yet to be decided, however, the current industry standard for the commercially viable life of solar panels is 25 years (or up to 35 years according to the UK Gov. Electricity Generation Cost Report of 2020<sup>1</sup>).

During our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we are consulting on two options for the Mounting Structures to be used for the Mallard Pass solar panels, to allow for some flexibility in the type of photovoltaic (PV) technology that is to be used. This flexibility is in response to the many technological advancements and developments in the solar industry, helping us to ensure that we select the most effective and best-suited technologies for Mallard Pass Solar Farm, should our Development Consent Order (DCO) application be approved.

We are proposing ongoing management of the panels to be used for Mallard Pass, which includes operational monitoring and equipment maintenance. This means that should the Mallard Pass solar panels incur any degradation or damage, or should these require replacement for any other reason, we would need to ensure periodic maintenance requirements are able to be undertaken and that any maintenance required is properly identified and carried out. This will be done in accordance with an Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) secured through the DCO.

Windel Energy and Canadian Solar are not seeking a time-limited consent. The operational life of Mallard Pass will not be specified within the DCO application. However, it is recognised that the electrical infrastructure will have an operational lifespan, after which it will need to be replaced or removed.

It is anticipated that, at the time of decommissioning, all the solar infrastructure including PV modules, mounting structures, cabling, inverters, transformers, switchgear, fencing, and ancillary infrastructure would be removed and recycled or disposed of in accordance with good practice following the waste hierarchy, with materials being reused or recycled wherever possible. The decommissioning of Mallard Pass will take place in accordance with a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP), which, should our DCO be approved, would need to be approved by the local planning authority.

<sup>1</sup> Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Electricity Generation Costs, 2020. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/911817/electricity-generation-cost-report-2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/911817/electricity-generation-cost-report-2020.pdf)

**Q: Is 350 megawatts (MW) the maximum capacity of the National Grid Ryhall Substation?**

**A:** A: National Grid own the Ryhall 400 kilovolts (kV) Substation at Uffington Lane, and are therefore the only entity able to speak to its capacity.

National Grid own the electricity transmission system in England and Wales, which consists of more than 300 substations ([NationalGrid.com, Network and infrastructure](https://www.nationalgrid.com/en/network-and-infrastructure)). To find out whether additional capacity exists at Ryhall Substation, one would need to enquire with the National Grid directly.

The Ryhall Substation is where the electricity generated from Mallard Pass Solar Farm is proposed to connect to the national grid. Our proposed connection at Ryhall Substation has sufficient capacity to feed the renewable, low-cost electricity that Mallard Pass would generate directly to UK consumers wherever it is needed, helping support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system and increasing our national supply of reliable, sustainable home-grown energy.

**Q: Will the locals get free electricity as a compensation for having the site on their doorstep?**

**A:** No, because we cannot exclusively provide the energy generated by Mallard Pass to local residents. It is the responsibility of the system operator, National Grid ESO, to ensure that sufficient electricity can be transmitted to meet consumption, wherever and whenever that consumption is needed. As part of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we are closely consulting with the National Grid and its various relevant entities (National Grid Gas Plc, National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd, National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc).



In the UK, energy transmission and distribution is undertaken by the private sector through your chosen energy supplier, National Grid Electricity Transmission and local distribution network operator (DNO). The relevant electricity DNO for Mallard Pass Solar Farm is Western Power Distribution and we are formally consulting with both of these organisations on our plans for Mallard Pass. Therefore, although energy generation is privatised, since the transmission of electricity is a regulated service undertaken on behalf of the state by National Grid Electricity Transmission and Western Power Distribution, we are not able to supply the energy generated by Mallard Pass to local residents.

There are benefits to exporting directly to our National Grid. By doing this, the electricity generated by Mallard Pass Solar Farm will deliver the biggest decarbonisation and cost benefit to the UK as a whole. Through its connection at the National Grid Ryhall Substation, Mallard Pass will increase our national supply of low-cost, home-grown renewable energy, helping further expand our country's energy independence and positively contributing to our national decarbonisation goals.

**Q: What about knock on rural crime for local residents?**

**A:** As described in Safe Site Facilities **Solar Farm Security Guide**, professional security measures can actively prevent solar farm theft through the use of fencing and CCTV operations. The installation of CCTV is typically the most common way to secure solar developments. During our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we are proposing pole-mounted internal facing CCTV systems around the perimeter of the operational areas, and these are proposed to use night-vision technology with a 50-metre range, would be monitored remotely and avoid the need for night-time lighting. CCTV will not overlook any public or private areas of land and be oriented towards the panels and equipment for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Further, fencing enclosing the operational areas for Mallard Pass are also being proposed, likely to be a deer fence in either wood or metal, to help further secure the development.

These measures are being proposed to help ensure our proposals do not negatively impact the safety of local residents, as well as to secure the solar development (equipment, panels) itself. Further, as part of our consultation process, we are engaging with statutory organisations and stakeholders, including Lincolnshire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioners, and host authorities, South Kesteven District Council, Rutland County Council and Lincolnshire County Council. These consultees are able to provide any comments they may have on the safety of our proposals for Mallard Pass, and we look forward to hearing their views, as well as any other comments, on this topic.

**Q: I have enquired about the project via email and have yet to receive answers to my questions. Will you endeavour to respond to all questions swiftly?**

**A:** Yes – we want to keep the community informed and hear views on our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Although unique cases may take a bit longer, we endeavour to respond to stakeholder enquiries we receive as quickly as possible. We do, however, apologise for any untimely responses, and would like to thank stakeholders for their patience as we work through a high volume of enquiries about the project.

Following the close of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, on Thursday 04 August 2022, we will carefully consider and have regard to all of the feedback we have received during this period. This includes any questions submitted to us via feedback forms, email, or letters during our Stage Two Statutory Consultation. All feedback we receive will form part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). In this DCO, we must produce a Consultation Report that, among other elements, details the feedback and consultation responses we have received, and provides responses to this feedback, explaining how we have considered it and the way in which it has influenced our proposals for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. In this way, it is guaranteed that all feedback received to our consultation for Mallard Pass is recorded and responded to.

## 9.2.17 WEBINAR TWO RESPONSES TO UNANSWERED QUESTIONS



## Mallard Pass Solar Farm Community Webinar Stage Two Consultation Event

Tuesday 05 July 2022: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Who we are
3. Our Stage Two proposals
  - Developed design
  - Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities
  - Preliminary environmental information
4. Our consultation process
5. Contact us
6. Your questions

### Responses to unanswered questions

**Q: How do you propose to partner arable farming with the solar panels?**

**A:** As part of our proposals for Mallard Pass, arable farming is unlikely to continue within the area proposed for solar panels, but pastoral farming and biodiversity land management of the land beneath the panels will occur.

Arable farming within the site area proposed for Mallard Pass Solar Farm would occur in the majority of areas proposed for mitigation and enhancement, which equate to approximately 420 hectares (ha) of the overall site.

The majority of the fields within these mitigation and enhancement areas will continue to be farmed under arable rotation with additional measures to support skylarks, with commitments as to how this will be managed set out in the Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

**Q: What benefits will Mallard Pass Solar Farm bring to local communities living within, or adjacent to the site area? What benefits will this project bring directly and guaranteed to the local community? Are there any direct benefit to communities within, or adjacent to, the site?**

**A:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm has the potential to provide benefits at both the national and local level, helping the UK as a whole by increasing our country's supply of reliable, low-cost and low carbon energy, while at the same time offering environmental mitigation measures and local enhancements to community and biodiversity.

As part of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we updated our proposals for Mallard Pass, which now include residential 'buffer zones,' the creation of 108 hectares (ha) of wildflower and tussock grassland areas, and the introduction of 4.7 kilometres (km) of new permissive paths. Low-key nature areas with picnic benches, wildlife-viewing spaces, the creation of wet woodland areas and the installation of otter holts and bird / owl / bat boxes are also being considered.

Some of these measures form part of the Green Infrastructure Strategy we are proposing at Stage Two. This strategy has been developed in order to deliver a minimum 10% net gain in biodiversity, which includes the creation of riparian habitats adjacent to the West Glen River and wildflower grassland with calcareous species in the north-west of the site, amongst other proposed measures. Figure 6.10 (Page 6) provides further details regarding this Green Infrastructure Strategy, which also includes planting native grassland mixes beneath the solar panels and wildflower mixes, scrub and hedgerows within landscape buffers, in addition to retaining agricultural land with measures to support skylarks in areas for mitigation and enhancement. Figure 5.1 (Page 4, 5) shows these proposed development features in further detail, including areas where we are proposing wet woodlands, hedgerows and tree belts.



Following the close of Stage Two, we will be taking account of the feedback and suggestions we have received regarding the topic of benefits to the local community. These comments – along with the results of ongoing environmental and technical studies – will help us further refine our proposals for Mallard Pass and finalise the details of our DCO application for the project.

**Q: What are some details regarding the skylark plots you are proposing? What is their proposed size?**

**A:** As part of our Stage Two proposals for Mallard Pass, we seek to provide plots for ground-nesting skylark as a mitigation to compensate for loss of skylark nesting areas. These measures will enhance the value of retained arable habitats for nesting within areas we are proposing for mitigation and enhancement.

Plots will be provided as per guidance for arable land in use for growing cereal crops<sup>1</sup>. The plots will be provided by switching off the drill during the seeding of crops (or lifting it up) to create undrilled patches at least 3 metres (m) wide. Each plot will be between 16m<sup>2</sup> and 24m<sup>2</sup>. Two plots per hectare (ha) will be provided in these areas. They will be sited away from field boundaries (at least 50 m from the edge of the field) and telegraph poles or overhead lines.

Some areas of the newly created grassland may also support the species. The area of the site we're proposing for solar development will likely continue to be used by the species for foraging, providing a more reliable food resource (seeds and insects) than intensive arable farmland. Nesting would also continue in suitable farmland offsite. Pairs from within the site and beyond may benefit from the more diverse foraging resource offered by the newly created habitats.

With these measures in place, overall, there is likely to be a neutral effect from Mallard Pass on skylark nesting opportunities and substantial benefits for this and other bird species from increased foraging habitat. For more information, please refer to Chapter 7: *Ecology and Biodiversity* of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), [linked here for your reference](#). Section 7.5.6 (Page 238) onwards contains detailed findings regarding local ecology and biodiversity, specifically regarding birdlife in the area.

<sup>1</sup>UK Government, Countryside Stewardship grants, *Skylark plots* <https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/skylark-plots-ab4>.

**Q: What form of livestock grazing is being considered for the land underneath the solar panels? Can land under solar panels grow things underneath?**

**A:** Our updated plans for Mallard Pass Solar Farm propose for land underneath and around the solar panels to be grazed grassland, most likely through a combination of sheep grazing and/or hay/silage production. We sought feedback on this specific topic during our Stage Two Statutory Consultation and welcomed any views on the possibility of dual use of the land beneath the panels.

Yes, it is possible to grow on land underneath solar panels. In fact, solar developments are typically able to deliver biodiversity improvements when it comes to the land beneath the panels. This is because installing solar panels usually means changing an area away from semi-intensive farming, removing regimes of herbicides and pesticides, and introducing natural flower mixes which would also benefit a range of wildlife.

There will be ongoing management of the grassland beneath the panels and the landscape buffers proposed for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. An outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) will be submitted as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, and this will discuss how we will manage the land across the site, including underneath the panels. As part of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we produced the framework of a draft oLEMP, in [Appendix 5.2](#) of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The oLEMP will set out a plan for the creation and management of the landscape and ecological features of Mallard Pass, setting out the framework of the management regime that would be put into place during the operational phase of the project.

Further details on this topic are provided in Chapter 5: *Project Description* of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), [linked here](#) (Page 90).





**Q: Does the grazing license allow for redrilling of grass underneath the solar panels? If so, how is this done?**

**A:** No, as we are proposing to retain the grass that already exists in areas for solar panels. Another reason is because it is not typical for grazing licenses to address grass redrilling.

During Stage Two, we are not proposing to remove any of the existing grass in areas proposed for solar development, meaning there will be no need to redrill grass seeds. Rather, we are proposing to pile into the specific areas of the ground needed to mount the panels, but to keep the existing grass in these areas as it currently is, where we propose for it to be grazed by livestock (most likely sheep) and directly managed.

**Q: How will you achieve a balance between appropriately mitigating biodiversity impacts and public usage of the permissive paths being proposed? These do not always sit comfortably together.**

**A:** The Green Infrastructure Strategy proposed as part of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation has been designed to deliver biodiversity mitigation and enhancements, as well as to take opportunities to enhance and improve connectivity both between existing and proposed habitats and for community use. In our proposals, these objectives are not mutually exclusive.

Biodiversity mitigation, such as provision of skylark plots, can be positioned to avoid existing or proposed walking routes to minimise potential disturbance. Biodiversity enhancements, such as provision of new hedgerows, wildflower and grassland planting will provide a range of ecological benefits which can be delivered alongside permissive pathways. In areas where there would potentially be more sensitive habitats, detailed design of walking routes incorporating screens or hides will ensure that these areas can provide increased access to nature without disturbing the habitats and species.

Further, the provision of permissive pathways will be included in the calculations which will state the percentage Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) that the proposed development will deliver (using the most up-to-date **DeFRA metric**). The eventual BNG figure takes both impacts and enhancements into account and we are confident that Mallard Pass will comfortably deliver a minimum of 10% BNG. The eventual calculation would present a clear view of how the balance has been struck and we will be pleased to deliver a significant improvement in biodiversity.

**Q: How do you propose to mitigate the potential visual impacts of the proposed Primary Substation and control building?**

**A:** The Primary Substation and control building is located next to the existing substation at Ryhall to reduce the physical connection distance when connecting into the national grid network. Existing vegetation around the proposed Primary Substation and control building will be retained and substantial new planting both along Uffington Road and within the West Glen River Corridor is proposed to provide further visual screening and filtering.

As part of the application, a number of design principles will be set out to guide design of the Primary Substation and control building at the detailed stage should consent be granted. These principles will include matters such as size, scale and massing and also façade treatments (such as colour) to limit as far as possible the visibility of these development components.

**Q: The Mallard Pass proposals include 'ecological enhancements.' Does this mean the area will be ecologically enhanced as a consequence of the proposals versus having no solar farm there at all (i.e., in its current state)?**

**A:** Yes – ecological enhancement refers to the measures that we are proposing to enhance specific ecology elements, improving these from the current baseline position. We propose to accomplish this through the creation of new biodiverse habitats (including wildflower, riparian and grassland); the enhancement of natural habitat connectivity via new native tree and hedgerow planting; as well as allowing existing hedgerows to grow out more fully to the benefit of a wide range of local species. One of our aims is to strengthen connections between different habitats which would also link to the wider landscape, another measure that would help to improve local biodiversity.



The Mallard Pass proposals also include introducing new planting (tussocky grassland, wildflower grassland, hedgerows, tree belts, woodland blocks) which will help us visually mitigate the project as well as serve to enhance the local ecology. This new planting would help provide benefits to local wildlife and environment. In some areas of the Site, the fields will be managed to enhance the existing habitats for certain species, such as skylarks. For example, this could be through the continued arable use with an increase in the areas of bare ground within a field for skylarks to nest within.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) has been adopted by the Government as a way of measuring numerically the ecological enhancement of development proposals, ensuring that all development results in an enhancement to biodiversity and certainly no overall loss.

Using the Government's BNG calculator, the Mallard Pass proposal will achieve a minimum of 10% BNG in comparison to the existing use. This means local biodiversity (what is currently there) will be improved by at least 10% as a consequence of our proposals for this project.

**Q: What is the capital cost to build Mallard Pass? How long will it be before these costs are recovered?**

**A:** It is not yet known what the final capital cost to build Mallard Pass will be (and therefore how long it would take for these to be recovered) as the specific concept plan, design and layout for the project has yet to be finalised. The proposals, once complete, will be submitted to PINS as part of the DCO, at which point we will have a more accurate idea of the cost estimate to build Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

At this time, the Government expects that a low-cost, net zero consistent electricity system is likely to be composed predominantly of wind and solar, and that wind and solar will be key building blocks of the future generation mix (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), *Energy White Paper*, 2020, Page 43). This is not only because of the decarbonisation and supply chain security benefits that solar technologies bring, but also because solar is already among the lowest cost technologies for UK electricity generation (Dept. for BEIS, *Electricity Generation Costs*, 2020). We expect Mallard Pass Solar Farm to be delivered at a cost which is consistent with the BEIS' latest estimates, set out in Section 4: Generation cost estimates of the *Electricity Generation Costs* Report (2020, Page 25).

**Q: Is it planned that the land used for panels be entered into any RPA (Rural Payments Agency) schemes?**

**A:** No, there are no plans for the land underneath the panels proposed for Mallard Pass to be entered into any scheme, including any RPA schemes.

**Q: Has an Historic Environment Farm Environment Record (HEFER) been completed? Are there any areas of Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England (SHINE) that have been identified?**

**A:** No, we haven't completed a HEFER because this is a service provided to those seeking to apply for stewardship or farming initiatives. However, as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) work, we have consulted with the local authority Historic Environment Record (HER) to obtain relevant data and environmental information regarding undesignated historic and archaeological environment features in the broader area where we are proposing to site Mallard Pass. HERs are the entities that feed into the national HEFER datasets and services. We have checked the SHINE webtool and this didn't reveal any information beyond that already obtained as part of baseline information gathering exercise.

The HEFER is service provided to farmers and land managers seeking to apply for stewardship or farming initiatives. The HEFER lists the known historic and archaeological features on a land holding and provides advice on how to protect and enhance them. It may include information about: Scheduled Monuments; Registered Parks and Gardens and Registered Battlefields; and non-designated historic and archaeological features, known as SHINE features, which have been created by your local authority HER.

SHINE is a single, nationally consistent dataset of undesignated historic environment features from across England that could benefit from management within a Countryside Stewardship agri-environment scheme. Data about suitable sites is created by local authority HERs and fed into the national SHINE dataset.



**Q: Being able to enjoy wide, open green spaces is important for the mental health of many. How are potential impacts on the mental health of local residents assessed?**

**A:** We recognise the significant benefits that contact with nature can have on one's mental and physical wellbeing, and the additional impact that COVID-19 has had on the ability to access and enjoy common green spaces. Ensuring continued accessibility to local amenities, Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and footpaths is a key priority for our proposals, as we seek to retain these pre-existing aspects. Further, we are proposing approximately 4.7 kilometres (km) of new permissive paths across the site, helping enhance current routes and improve connectivity in the area. During our Stage Two consultation, we proposed an approx. 1.2 km route linking Essendine to Carby Road, providing a new off-route, an approx. 1 km link creating a loop running northwest of Essendine linking back to the existing bridleway, and an approx. 2.5 km link from Stamford Road south-eastward along the river corridor to join the Macmillan Way.

The surrounding landscape, planting, wildlife, and broader ecology will also be retained, and our proposals include enhancements to these, as well as to local amenity more generally. Our proposals for Mallard Pass include the creation of over 108 hectares (ha) of wildflower and tussock grassland planting across the site, the creation of over 30 ha of wildflower grassland with calcareous species, and the creation of 3.7 ha of riparian habitat in certain areas along the West Glen River corridor, which could include wet woodland or carr planting.

By delivering a biodiversity net gain, our proposals would also ensure that local ecosystems thrive further, in an overall better state than before.

The Landscape and Visual Assessment (LVIA) that we must undertake as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will also ensure that the visual impact of our proposals is fully understood and appropriately mitigated, ensuring the local community's ability to walk in the area and enjoy its natural amenities. This will specifically include an assessment on the impact on residential and recreational amenities. The Environmental Statement (ES) will also include an assessment on the potential noise and air quality impacts, both of which are important health considerations, on local residents within the local area.

Throughout the Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we have also encouraged community feedback on the topic of potential enhancements, welcoming suggestions for measures that could help improve local amenity and connectivity.

**Q: How many annual hours of sunlight has been calculated to be needed in order to generate the approximately 350 megawatts (MW) Mallard Pass is proposing to deliver? How does this compare to the hours of sunlight specifically registered in this area?**

**A:** Approximately 4,410 hours of sunlight per year, which is based on the actual historical average hours of sunlight per year specifically registered in the area.

To assess the megawatt hours (MWh) that Mallard Pass Solar Farm will generate in each year, we have used **PVSyst**, an industry standard software package. The software takes into account historical cloud cover and atmospheric effects over a multi-year period, and accounts for natural features, shadow effects and historical sunlight hours and levels.

PVSyst indicates that the actual hours of sunlight specifically experienced in the area over a year, which has been used to derive the output calculation, is approximately 4,410 per year (**Meteonorm**). A full breakdown of the calculations used for Mallard Pass Solar Farm can be found at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).

**Q: Could disused Royal Air Force (RAF) bases not be used to site Mallard Pass Solar Farm?**

**A:** The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) Chapter 4: *Alternatives and Design Development* briefly outlines the alternatives considered in relation to Mallard Pass, and we will also provide a full description of these alternatives in the Environmental Statement (ES) that is to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. **Please [click here](#) to read, view and download Chapter 4 of the PEIR (Page 64)**



Specifically, Table 4.1 (Page 80) offers a breakdown of the alternative sites considered for Mallard Pass, and the reason as to why these were not accounted for as part of our proposals. Various RAF sites in the area are considered here, including Woolfox Depot, North Luffenham (St Georges Barracks) and Cottesmore. Please see the Table for a detailed breakdown of why each site was not suitable for our proposals –for the most part, these areas were discounted because they are not available for solar development, either having previously been selected for other forms of development, or already and currently being in use.

**Q: Are the panels likely to require replacement before the end of the 30-year lease? Does the carbon neutrality calculation account for potentially needing to replace panels before then?**

**A:** The exact panel type to be used for Mallard Pass Solar Farm has yet to be decided, however, according to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) *Electricity Generation Costs* Report (2020), large-scale solar projects are generally expected to operate for up to 35 years. Based on this Government data, we therefore do not expect the panels for Mallard Pass to require replacement before the end of the leases agreed with landowners, which each last at least 35 years.

During our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we consulted on two options for the Mounting Structures to be used for the Mallard Pass solar panels, to allow for some flexibility in the type of photovoltaic (PV) technology that is to be used. This flexibility is in response to the many technological advancements and developments in the solar industry, helping us to ensure that we select the most effective and best-suited technologies for Mallard Pass Solar Farm, should our Development Consent Order (DCO) application be approved.

We are proposing ongoing management of the panels to be used for Mallard Pass, which includes operational monitoring and equipment maintenance. This means that should the Mallard Pass solar panels incur any degradation or damage, or should these require replacement for any other reason, we would need to ensure periodic maintenance requirements are able to be undertaken and that any maintenance required is properly identified and carried out. In other words, replacement of panels may be required on an ad-hoc basis to deal with faults or deficiencies. This will be done in accordance with an Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) secured through the DCO. Currently there is no intention for a systematic replacement of panels across the site.

The carbon neutrality calculations included in Chapter 15: *Climate Change* (Page 434) of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) are preliminary estimates based on the most up to date data available, and do not account for potential replacement or repair of panels. Specifically, these calculations examine how much carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) would be eliminated should Mallard Pass be built. Based and accounting for a variety of factors, including the likely carbon cost of construction, manufacturing and decommissioning, we have estimated that the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of Mallard Pass Solar Farm would be recouped within approximately 10.5 years, and that all savings beyond that would be a net benefit of Mallard Pass to reducing climate change relative to the baseline. For a detailed breakdown of this, please refer to paragraphs 15.4.7 - 15.4.15 of the [PEIR](#).

**Q: Will shooting/hunting still be permitted on land Mallard Pass is proposing for solar development i.e., with panels?**

**A:** No, should Mallard Pass be built, shooting/hunting will not be permitted on areas of land for solar development and infrastructure. This is because the solar photovoltaic (PV) site for Mallard Pass Solar Farm will be secured through the use of fencing and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) operations, which we are proposing to install around the perimeter of each operational area.

During Stage Two Statutory Consultation, we proposed pole-mounted internal facing CCTV systems around the perimeter of the operational areas, and these are proposed to use night-vision technology with a 50-metre range, would be monitored remotely and avoid the need for night-time lighting. CCTV will not overlook any public or private areas of land and be oriented towards the panels and equipment for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Further, fencing enclosing the operational areas for Mallard Pass are also being proposed, likely to be a deer fence in either wood or metal, to help further secure the development.



**Q: What is the accountability process should one of your construction vehicles not travel using the prescribed access routes? Will local authorities be provided with resources to manage this possibility?**

**A:** Contact details will be provided by the Principal Contractor in suitable locations which residents will be able to use the contact the Contractor/Applicant directly to inform them of any instances where vehicles are not following the prescribed routes.

Residents will also be able to contact the Council, who will have direct, regular contact with the Contractor/Applicant to inform them of any complaints and deviations from the prescribed routes. The Council will then inform the Contractor/Applicant who will be able to undertake action as necessary to ensure this does not happen.

The agreed routes will be secured as part of the requirements of the Development Consent Order (DCO) and will therefore be taken seriously and actioned appropriately as the DCO is a legally binding document. This should be particularly seen in the context that breach of the requirements of a DCO is a criminal offence.

**Q: Following the United Nations Life Cycle Assessments for Electricity Generation Options Carbon Neutrality report for March 2022, utility solar farms are one of least efficient forms of renewable energy production with some of the highest lifetime pollution ratings for Green House Gas emissions (GHG emissions) and dependency on mineral resources and land usage. Can you comment on this?**

**A:** As described by Solar Energy UK, "*the evidence is conclusive that solar reduces carbon emissions*" (**Everything Under the Sun, 2022**). Considering the average carbon payback period for solar, each solar panel generates zero carbon and zero pollution electricity for decades over its lifetime (**Solar Energy UK, 2022**).

The Government recognises the importance of developing renewables at utility (or large) scale. The National Policy Statement on Renewable Energy Infrastructure (**EN-3**) states in Paragraph 1.1.1. "*Electricity generation from renewable sources of energy is an important element in the Government's development of a low-carbon economy. There are ambitious renewable energy targets in place and a significant increase in generation from large-scale renewable energy infrastructure is necessary*" (Page 1). EN-3 does not include solar farm development, because at the time of publishing utility-scale solar development was not feasible.

However, the **Draft National Policy Statement EN-3**, published by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in September 2021, introduces a new section (Section 2.47, Page 79) on solar photovoltaic generation, recognising that solar farms are ones of the most established renewable electricity technologies in the UK and the cheapest form of electricity generation worldwide. Paragraph 2.47.1 states that the Government has committed to sustained growth in solar capacity to ensure that the UK is on the pathway to meet net zero emissions by 2050, and that as such, solar is a key part of Government's strategy for low-cost decarbonisation of the energy sector (Page 79).

Therefore, although renewable developments such as wind and solar do come with life-cycle emissions, these are many times lower than coal or gas, and this remains true even after accounting for emissions during manufacture, construction and fuel supply (**Carbon Brief, 2017**). For further information regarding the environmental cost of solar, please feel free to visit the websites in the links provided here, as well as the 2022 analysis by Renewable Energy Hub [linked here](#).



**9.3 STAGE TWO STATUTORY SECTION 47 CONSULTATION NOTIFICATIONS (26 MAY 2022 – 04 AUGUST 2022)**

**9.3.1 LETTER TO ALICIA KEARNS MP (26 MAY 2022)**

**info@mallardpassolar.co.uk**

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 17:13  
**To:** 'KEARNS, Alicia'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@parliament.uk  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch

Dear Alicia Kearns MP,

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Yours sincerely,

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### 9.3.2 LETTER TO GARETH DAVIES MP (26 MAY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 17:16  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch

Dear Gareth Davies MP,

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9.3.3 LETTER TO LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL, AND RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

**info@mallardpassolar.co.uk**

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 17:23  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch

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#### 9.3.4 LETTER TO ESSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 17:34  
**To:** clerk@essendinepc.org.uk  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch  
**Attachments:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Stage Two\_Poster.pdf; Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Stage Two\_Ad.pdf

Dear Essendine Parish Council,

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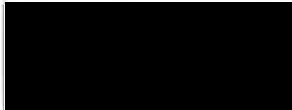
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9.3.5 LETTER TO RYHALL AND BELMESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL (26  
MAY 2022)

**info@mallardpassolar.co.uk**

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 17:59  
**To:** 'Ryhall Clerk'  
**Subject:** RE: R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch,  
**Attachments:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Stage Two\_Poster.pdf; Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Stage Two\_Ad.pdf

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### 9.3.6 LETTER TO LITTLE CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 18:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch.  
**Attachments:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Stage Two\_Poster.pdf; Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Stage Two\_Ad.pdf

Dear Little Casterton Parish Council,

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### 9.3.7 LETTER TO CARLBY PARISH COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 18:03  
**To:** clerkcarlby [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch.  
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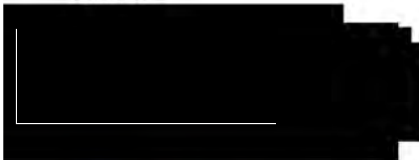
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9.3.8 LETTER TO BRACEBOROUGH AND WILSTHORPE PARISH  
COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

**info@mallardpassolar.co.uk**

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 18:04  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch.  
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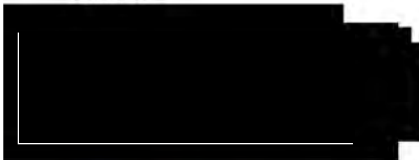
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### 9.3.9 LETTER TO GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 18:05  
**To:** greatford@[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch.  
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### 9.3.10 LETTER TO STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 18:07  
**To:** 'Patricia Stuart-Mogg'; 'Town Hall'  
**Subject:** RE: R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch.  
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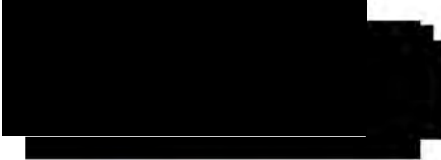
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9.3.11 LETTER TO GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL; CAREBY, AUNBY AND HOLYWELL PARISH MEETING; BARHOLM AND STOWE PARISH MEETING; UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL; CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL; PICKWORTH PARISH MEETING; BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL; WITHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL; BAINTON AND ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL; BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL; BASTON PARISH COUNCIL; LANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL; LITTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL; TALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL; THURLBY AND OBTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL; TOFT, LOUND AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL; WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL (26 MAY 2022)

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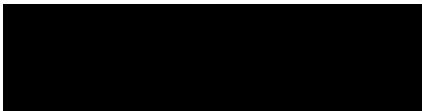
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9.3.12 LETTER TO SELDOM HEARD GROUPS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS  
(26 MAY 2022)



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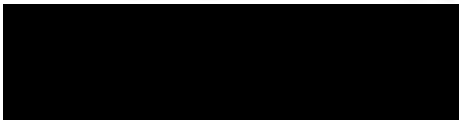
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9.3.13 POSTER AND ADVERTISEMENT PROVIDED TO PARISH  
COUNCILS, SELDOM HEARD AND COMMUNITY GROUPS (26 MAY  
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## Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Come and find out more about Mallard Pass Solar Farm during our Stage Two Statutory Consultation events.



Our team will be presenting the updated proposals for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm, partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation is taking place between Thursday 26 May and Thursday 04 August 2022. Members of the project team will be available to answer your questions at our Stage Two information events on the dates below.

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#### 9.3.14 LETTER TO DIGITAL MAILING LIST (26 MAY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 26 May 2022 18:18  
**To:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm Statutory Consultation Launch

Thank you for having registered your interest to keep up to date with our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

We are pleased to announce that today (Thursday 26 May 2022), the Stage Two consultation on Mallard Pass is beginning. The consultation period will run for ten weeks, until Thursday 04 August 2022.

During this time, the Mallard Pass project team will be presenting more developed plans for the solar farm. The updated proposals have been informed by Stage One feedback and the results of environmental surveys and assessments. This more detailed design includes suggested mitigation and enhancement measures for the proposed area, which include residential 'buffer zones', the creation of 108 hectares of wildflower and tussock grassland areas, and the introduction of 4.7 kilometres of new permissive paths. Since Stage One, the proposed area for solar panels and infrastructure has decreased by over 100 hectares. More information regarding the Stage Two proposals for Mallard Pass can be found at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).

Mallard Pass Solar Farm is proposed to generate around 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy to provide reliable, low-cost electricity to the national grid. The project will be located on either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine and has the potential to deliver enough energy to power the equivalent of 92,000 UK households, while considering the local environment and providing a biodiversity net gain.

In the coming weeks, we plan to hold a series of both in-person and digital exhibition events, providing opportunities for you to find out more and provide their feedback. There is no pre-registration required, and the event dates are as follows:

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Full details of all these events, including a step-by-step guide to accessing our webinars, can be found at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).



The Mallard Pass Stage Two Statutory Consultation features the results from environmental studies and surveys that have been carried out as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. These have been published in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and summarised in the PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS). These, as well as other Stage Two materials, are available for you to view, download and print at: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents).

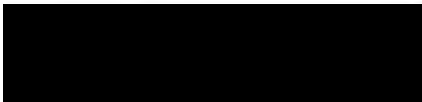
These are also available to read and collect at the project's designated Community Access Points (CAP) sites in the local area. Please note that CAP site opening hours may vary as these are dependent on the organisation itself.

- Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ
  - (Opening hours Friday 10 June, 5 pm – 7 pm; Friday 17 June, 10 am – 12 pm. Venue to organise and publicise additional opening hours via local media.)
- Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary's St, Stamford PE9 2DL
  - (Opening hours Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 10 pm.)
- Ryhall Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR
  - (Opening hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 9 pm. Saturday - Sunday, 9 am – 12 pm.)

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the team at the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Price



For and on behalf of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.



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### 9.3.15 LETTER TO DIGITAL MAILING LIST (23 JUNE 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 23 June 2022 12:53  
**To:** 'info@mallardpassolar.co.uk'  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm - Stage Two Statutory Consultation

Thank you for registering your interest in keeping up to date with our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

We are writing to you to ensure you are aware of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation that is currently being undertaken on proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Stage Two began on Thursday 26 May and is running for ten weeks, coming to a close Thursday 04 August.

Today, Thursday 23 June, marks four weeks since the start of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation. This means you still have **six weeks** to find out more about our updated proposals for the project, and to provide your feedback by responding to our consultation.

#### **Find out more about our Stage Two proposals**

We are looking forward to our upcoming in-person public exhibition events, where members of the Mallard Pass project team will be available to discuss our proposals with you and answer your questions. All of our events are drop-in, meaning there is no need for you to pre-register with us in advance.

Our first in-person information event will be held **this Saturday 25 June**, from 11 am to 5 pm, at Essendine Village Hall. Further details on our in-person events are listed below.

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If you would like further information about this consultation or Mallard Pass Solar Farm more generally, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below.

Kind regards,

The Mallard Pass Solar Farm project team.



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### 9.3.16 LETTER TO DIGITAL MAILING LIST (21 JULY 2022)

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 21 July 2022 16:53  
**To:** 'info@mallardpassolar.co.uk'  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm - Stage Two Statutory Consultation

Thank you for signing up to the Mallard Pass Solar Farm digital mailing list.

We are writing to you to ensure you are aware of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation on our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Stage Two began on Thursday 26 May and is running for ten weeks, coming to a close Thursday 04 August.

Today, Thursday 21 July, marks eight weeks since the start of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation. **This means you still have two weeks to find out more about our updated proposals for the project, and to provide your feedback by responding to our consultation.**

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9.3.17 LETTER TO SELDOM HEARD GROUPS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS  
(28 JULY 2022)



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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 28 July 2022 16:48  
**To:** 'info@mallardpassolar.co.uk'  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you to ensure you are aware of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation on our proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Stage Two began on Thursday 26 May and is running for ten weeks, coming to a close Thursday 04 August.

Today, Thursday 28 July, marks nine weeks since the start of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation. **This means you still have one week to find out more about our updated proposals for the project, and to provide your feedback by responding to our consultation.**

As a recognised community group near to our proposals, we want to listen to your views on our updated plans for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. This feedback will allow us to develop our proposals responsibly and in a manner that supports local community interests. We welcome any feedback your organisation and members may have regarding Mallard Pass and look forward to receiving your comments.

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 02 August 2022 16:26  
**To:** 'info@mallardpassolar.co.uk'  
**Subject:** R.e.: Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

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If you haven't yet had time to review our updated proposals for Mallard Pass Solar Farm, and submit your feedback to our statutory consultation, please feel free to do so using the details and guidance provided below. We ask that any feedback be provided on or before Thursday 04 August 2022.

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## **9.4 STAGE TWO STATUTORY SECTION 47 CONSULTATION PUBLICITY (26 MAY 2022 – 04 AUGUST 2022)**

### **9.4.1 RUTLAND TIMES (26 MAY 2022)**

LOCAL NEWS

A poem will be given to the Queen as a gift from Rutland

# Queen to receive gift of prose

BY ANDREA SCHOLES  
 andrea.scholes@rutlandtimes.co.uk  
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**A writer who worked for the Royal Household has composed a poem to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Henry Dave put pen to paper in a bid to honour her 70 years of service.

The Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness, has given the poem her seal of approval and a framed copy will be sent to Buckingham Palace as an official jubilee gift from the county.

It will include a memory stick containing an audio clip of Henry reading the poem, titled *Our Gracious Noble Queen*, with musical accompaniment and photographs of the Queen, Henry, who lives in Uppingham, said: "The

jubilee is a once-in-a-lifetime occasion which I couldn't let pass.

"The Queen has an incredible sense of devotion and duty.

"She became Queen at 26 and the sacrifice she has made to serving the country since then is simply astonishing."

Henry was raised in Uppingham and attended Stamford School.

Between 2007 and 2012 he worked in the call centre for the Royal Collection and later moved to an administration role at St James' Palace.

He now works for the culture department at Rutland County Council.

Henry said: "I have tried to include a range of sentiments in the poem and I hope people enjoy it."

A recording of the poem, which will be sent to the

Queen, includes a message for the monarch from Dr Furness.

She says: "Rutland may be the smallest county in England but its loyalty and admiration of your long 70 years' service as our monarch is huge. We are deeply grateful.

"I'm delighted to offer this poem. It comes as a gift from us all in Rutland. I do hope you enjoy it."

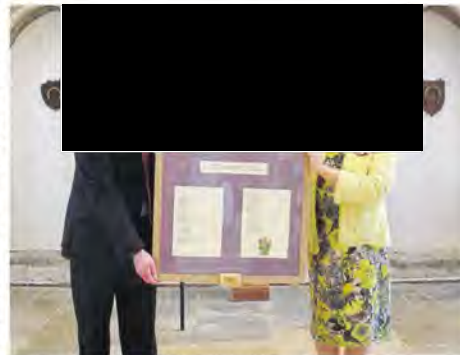
The first verse of *Our Gracious Noble Queen* reads: *It glimmers and it sparkles. It glistens and it glazes. That is the very splendour flows.*

*So platinum becomes you. It is precious and pristine. With all the charm and lustre*

*Of our gracious, noble Queen.*

● Visit [www.rutland-times.co.uk/publishing](http://www.rutland-times.co.uk/publishing) to read Henry's poem in full.

■ Jubilee events - page 23.



Henry Dave and Dr Sarah Furness with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee poem

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#### 9.4.2 BOURNE LOCAL (27 MAY 2022)



## VILLAGE NEWS

### Bourne

**THE CEDARS** - Residents were overjoyed at The Cedars care home in Bourne, to welcome back singer Keith Tomlinson from Swinestead near Grantham. Keith held a live performance in our Maple Lounge. Singing a variety of bits from the sixties and seventies, Keith encouraged audience requests and resident participation.

Rebecca Aldred, senior general manager at the home, said: "Our live entertainment is thoroughly enjoyed by our residents. It is wonderful to be able to gather again to celebrate local talent in the comfort of our own home."

Resident Edna Kirby said: "I adored him. He was singing all of my favourite songs from the beginning of the sixties, that I used to sing."

Residents were given a cocktail tasting session whilst Keith sang, to celebrate World Cocktail Day. With a choice of Gin and Tonic, Pina Colada, Pimm's and Lemonade or a Martini, our residents really got the taste of the season.

**NUBOURNE WI** - At the meeting held at 2pm on Thursday, May 5, our president, Shirley Jones, welcomed those present including one new member.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed. The new programme for 2022/23 was available.

The ladies who went on the Holocaust Centre trip had a very interesting day that was well organised. A lunch has been booked at the Horseshoe, Thurby for later this month and members were asked to make their menu choices.

Due to the Jubilee bank holiday, our June meeting will be in the form of a Garden Party a week later on June 9. We are hoping our ladies will get into the celebration spirit by wearing red, white and blue and there will be a competition of a hat, made or decorated to reflect the occasion.

Federation news included details of the Lincolnshire Show and other forthcoming events.

As there was no further business we were introduced to our speaker, Marseille Cowley, from the Bourne Foodbank.

Foodbanks were first formed nationally in 1997 but the Bourne one was opened in 2013. It is a charity with no government involvement. The local supermarkets are very supportive and the volunteers should be good listeners as well as exploring the basic needs of their

clients including any special dietary requirements. I'm sure we were very surprised and enlightened by all that is involved in providing food for those in need. Mary Hitchcock thanked Mrs Cowley for a very interesting afternoon.

After a break for refreshments we had a discussion and vote on this year's NFWI resolution. This month's competition of a flower was won by Pauline Matthews, second was Judy Bradley and third Shirley Jones. The raffle winners were Ann Batchelor, Mary Hitchcock, Jo Tarpey and Janet Eyre.

The meeting was closed and we were wished a safe journey home. We look forward to seeing members at our jubilee garden party.

**BOURNE METHODIST CHURCH** - On Sunday, May 29, at 10.30am we extend a warm welcome to Richard Bailey to take our service and afterwards join us for tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall. Everybody welcome.

### Deeping St James

**CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP** - On Thursday, May 19, 23 members met in the Church Community Hall. Notices were given out by

chairlady Juliet Mills.

A bouquet was sent to member Nancy Titman who will be celebrating her 104th birthday on June 2.

Brian Thornthwaite was the guest speaker who gave a talk on the work of the Deepings Men's group.

The Men's group was founded in 1954. It is a charity that relies on donations and unpaid volunteers to provide a service to the public. They have stocks of equipment such as wheelchairs, zimmer frames, motor scooters which are loaned out.

They don't just help the people of Deeping, over the years surplus stocks of equipment have been sent to Bosnia, Armenia and recently to Ukraine.

Juliet gave a vote of thanks to Brian and gave him a donation to the men's group and a bottle of wine.

Brian judged the competition of 'neckwear' which was won by Anthea Wray with her Liverpool scarf.

The evening's raffle winner was Hilary Gentle.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were served by the evening's hostesses Josie Waghorn and Glennis Gibbons.

At the next meeting on June 2, we will be toasting the Queen on her platinum jubilee

and bringing a favourite book to discuss.

### Dunsby

**THE WEDNESDAY SINGERS' PLATINUM JUBILEE CONCERT** - As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Dunsby from June 3 to June 5, The Wednesday Singers, the choir which hold their practices in Dunsby, will be presenting a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert on Saturday, June 4, at 3pm. If the weather is fine and warm, this will take place in the garden of The White House, Fen Road, Dunsby PE10 0UE, but if it is wet or cold, the venue will be All Saints' Church, Dunsby. Signs will be erected on the day to let you know which venue has been chosen. Free parking is available on Fen Road, Dunsby.

The programme will include some of what are reputedly the Queen's favourite songs, some from musicals. It will also include a never to be forgotten (and probably never to be repeated!) version of the Corgis' Duet. The choir have some excellent singing voices, and this will be an entertaining concert. Tea and cake will be offered to the audience after the concert. Instead of tickets, there will

be a retiring collection (please bring cash as we do not have a machine to accept donations), and all proceeds will be given to All Saints' Church, Dunsby. If you would like to attend, and to help with seating and catering, please prebook by telephoning 01779 440254.

**SONGS OF PRAISE** - There will be a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Songs of Praise in All Saints' Church, Dunsby on Thursday, June 2, at 6pm. Some people have already chosen their favourite hymns. The service will commemorate the Queen as Head of the Church of England, and there will be a drink and a toast to the Queen after the service. There will also be a collection after the service, for which please bring cash or a cheque to make a donation. Everyone will be made very welcome.

**CHURCH BELLS** - On Friday, June 3, at midday, we shall be ringing the church bells in Dunsby to commemorate the occasion.

**BARBECUE** - The village will be having a barbecue on Sunday, June 5, for Dunsby residents and their house guests only. However, anyone who drives through can enjoy the bunting and decorations.

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#### 9.4.3 RUTLAND AND STAMFORD MERCURY (27 MAY 2022)

HERITAGE

# Objects start to reveal the ‘Spirit of Stamford’

BY SUZANNE MOON  
suzanne.moongre@stamfordmercury.co.uk  
Twitter: @Mercury1972

A project to capture ‘the spirit of Stamford’ and put it on public display is now underway.

Following an article in the Mercury, people have been nominated to choose an item from the Stamford archive, a collection of 25,000 objects and documents.

Last week the first nominees made selections that – in their eyes – hold some of the spirit of the town.

While most of their choices are under wraps for now,

a sneak preview of two has been granted, giving a flavour of what is to come.

MindSpace charity co-founder Dan Petrie was helped by Jim Grevatte, Spirit of Stamford project co-ordinator, to find a cartoon map of Stamford with various places picked out.

Explaining his choice, Dan said: ‘When we were searching for MindSpace’s premises, we looked at a former estate agent’s in Broad Street and there was a large map of the area on one wall.

‘We knew it was the right place. We are trying to shape the culture of the community, and that geographical

representation fitted this perfectly.’

Stewart Jackson, a Stamford signwriter who is fundraising to put exercise equipment on Stamford Recreation Ground, also made his choice.

He found a metal 3D sign for an umbrella shop formerly in Ironmonger Street. Within a few hours Stewart tracked down a black and white photo of the shop, on which the umbrella sign can be seen.

Anyone with memorabilia at home or at work that could be included in the Spirit of Stamford collection, which will be put on display, can email jim@grevatte.co.uk



Stamford signwriter Stewart Jackson chooses a sign from an umbrella shop in Ironmonger Street, held by Spirit of Stamford project co-ordinator, Jim Grevatte

Dan Petrie from MindSpace is delighted by a 1950s map of Stamford

Dan holding the map he chose

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#### 9.4.4 LETTER TO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS AND LOCAL MAGAZINES (05 JULY 2022)

**info@mallardpassolar.co.uk**

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 05 July 2022 10:20  
**To:** 'info@mallardpassolar.co.uk'  
**Subject:** R.e.: Village News newsletter

To whom this may concern,

As a recognised community newsletter in close proximity to our proposals, we would be grateful if you could help make your readers aware of the information below.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd is proposing to develop a solar farm near Essendine. Mallard Pass will generate in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, using ground-mounted solar arrays to provide reliable, low-cost electricity to the national grid.

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To provide your feedback to our consultation, please:

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- Return a written feedback form to **FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm**, free of charge (no need for a stamp). The hard copy version of our feedback form is available to view, download and print via this link: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/615d5a948896bf6b4cbca0d7/t/628e5ef670cbfb5f234d0bd/1653497658473/Mallard+Pass+Solar+Farm+-+Feedback+form+May+2022>.
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If you have any questions about how to engage with or respond to our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, please contact us at the details provided. We ask that any feedback be provided on or before **Thursday 04 August 2022**.

If you would like further information about this consultation or Mallard Pass Solar Farm more generally, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below.

Kind regards,

The Mallard Pass Solar Farm project team.



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#### 9.4.5 LOCAL INFORMATION POINT (LIP) POSTER

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#### 9.4.6 LOCAL INFORMATION POINT (LIP) COVER LETTER (26 MAY 2022)



Dear Sir/Madam,

May 2022

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd is proposing to develop a solar farm near Essendine. Mallard Pass is proposed to generate in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, using ground-mounted solar arrays to provide reliable, low-cost electricity to the national grid.

**We are pleased to confirm that the Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass Solar Farm will be running for ten weeks, taking place between Thursday 26 May and Thursday 04 August 2022.**

During this time, we will be seeking views on more developed plans for Mallard Pass, which will include suggested mitigation and enhancement measures. We will also consult on results from environmental studies we have undertaken to date.

Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation will feature a series of both in-person and digital exhibition events, providing opportunities for the community and key stakeholders alike to find out more information about our updated proposals and provide their feedback.

**Please find enclosed a copy of a Poster advertising our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, including event details and how to find out more about Mallard Pass. We would be grateful if you could please display the enclosed Poster at your venue until Thursday 04 August 2022, the last day of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation.**

Copies of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation materials are available online at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents). Should you require any additional copies of this Poster sent to your venue, please let us know using the contact details below.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Lucy DaVolls



For and on behalf of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.



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9.4.7 COMMUNITY ACCESS POINT (CAP) SITE COVER LETTER (26 MAY 2022)

**Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stage Two Statutory Consultation.**



Dear Sir/Madam,

May 2022

We have recently been in touch to confirm that you will be able to host our Stage Two Statutory Consultation materials. We would like to thank you once again for this offer, which will help us make it as easy as possible for all community members to read about our proposals and how they can have their say as part of our Stage Two consultation.

**Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass Solar Farm is running for ten weeks, taking place between Thursday 26 May and Thursday 04 August 2022.**

Enclosed with this letter are copies of Stage Two Statutory Consultation materials for Mallard Pass Solar Farm. These comprise our Stage Two:

- Community Consultation Leaflet;
- Main Consultation Document; and
- Feedback Form.

Along with the copies of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) that were provided last week, we would be grateful if you could please display the enclosed materials at your venue until **Thursday 04 August 2022**, the last day of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation. Visitors are welcome to either view or take a copy of these materials away with them, should that be useful.

If you wish to discuss the arrangements for this, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the contact details below. If you require additional copies or any other hard copy materials to be sent to your location, then please do let us know. All of our consultation materials are available at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents).

Thank you once again for your support in helping us to ensure that our consultation process is as open and accessible as possible for all members of the community.

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#### 9.4.8 COMMUNITY ACCESS POINT (CAP) SITE CHANGE SIGNAGE (08 JUNE 2022)



## Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass is running between Thursday 26 May and Thursday 04 August 2022.

Thank you for visiting Ryhall Village Hall, one of the Community Access Point (CAP) sites\* for our Stage Two Statutory Consultation.

For improved accessibility, our hard copy consultation materials have now been moved to:

- **Ryhall Library, Coppice Rd, Ryhall, Rutland, PE9 4HY.**  
(Open Mon 9 am to 1 pm, 1:30 pm to 5 pm. Tues 2 pm to 4 pm. Thurs 9 am to 1 pm, 1:30 pm to 5 pm. Fri 2 pm to 4 pm. Sat 9 am to 1 pm.)

Please find the relevant directions on the map below.



CAP sites are key local community establishments that are determined in consultation with Local Planning Authorities and selected to host hard copies of consultation materials.

For the purposes of our statutory consultation for Mallard Pass, CAP sites have agreed to host hard copies of our Stage Two:

- Community Leaflet,
- Main Document,
- Feedback Form,
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), and
- PEIR Non-Technical Summary.

CAP sites are intended to make hard copies available for people who prefer to work with print / paper. All documents are available for you to read, download and print on our project website at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).

Hard copies, as well as documents in large print, audio, or braille, may be provided upon request at the contact details provided.

Other CAP sites hosting documents for this consultation are:

- Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ.
- Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary's St, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2DL.

\*Due to COVID-19, some public buildings may be unable to host documents, may be accessible by appointment only, or opening times may vary. Please check with venues for up-to-date information.



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9.4.9 PHOTO OF COMMUNITY ACCESS POINT (CAP) SITE CHANGE  
SIGNAGE (05 JULY 2022)





#### 9.4.10 SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY (26 MAY 2022 – 04 AUGUST 2022)



Mallard Pass Solar Farm

@MallardPass



Our Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Mallard Pass Solar Farm has now started, and will be running for 10 weeks, from Thursday 26 May to Thursday 04 August 2022. View the consultation timeline below and find out more at [MallardPassSolar.co.uk](https://MallardPassSolar.co.uk).



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**Mallard Pass Solar Farm**  
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During Stage Two, we want to hear your views on our updated proposals for Mallard Pass, which respond to Stage One feedback and our environmental work to date. These now include proposed mitigation & enhancement measures designed to address impacts and deliver opportunities.

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Mitigation and enhancements proposed at Stage Two include:

- i. reducing the area for solar development by 100+ hectares,
- ii. residential buffer zones,
- iii. creating 108 hectares of wildflower & tussock grassland areas,
- iv. introducing 4.7 kilometres of new permissive paths.

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We are hosting a series of in-person & online information events, providing opportunities for you to discuss our plans with the team & provide your feedback - no pre-registration required. View our event dates below & find out more at [MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say](https://MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say).

**During Stage Two, we will hold four in-person public exhibition events:**

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We are holding webinar events on Friday 17 June and Tuesday 05 July to keep you informed and hear your views on Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Event details, joining links and a step-by-step guide to our webinars can be found here: [MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say](https://MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say).



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Our public drop-in sessions will be held in locations across our consultation area on Saturday 25 June, Wednesday 29 June, Thursday 30 June and Friday 01 July. Find out more about our events & how to have your say by clicking here:

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For community members who cannot attend our in-person events, or prefer to work online, we have created a virtual exhibition with all the same information that will be at our consultation events. Visit our virtual exhibition here:  
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@MallardPass



To view our project information and to complete one of our feedback forms, please visit our website

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Please note that the deadline for the submission of feedback is Thursday 04 August 2022.



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Our project-dedicated communications lines will remain active for the duration of our consultation on Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the details provided below to find out more about our proposals & consultation programme.

### Communications lines

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1/4 Today marks four weeks since the start of our Stage Two Statutory Consultation, scheduled to run until 04 August.

You still have six weeks to:

- Find out more about our updated plans for Mallard Pass
- Provide your feedback by responding to our consultation

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2/4 To find out more about our Stage Two proposals for Mallard Pass, you can:

- Join us at our consultation events & webinars.

These will be held on 25 June, 29 June, 30 June, 01 July and 05 July. For further details, please visit [MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say](https://MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say).



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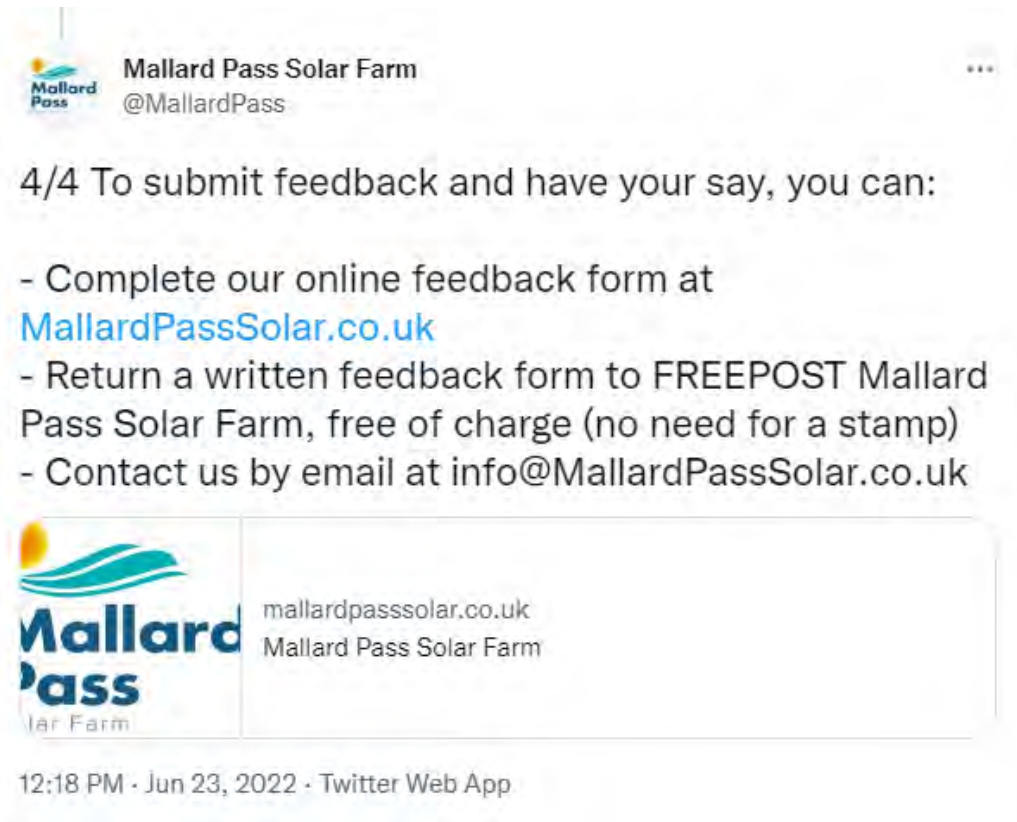


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We are grateful to everyone who engaged with our Stage Two consultation. Thank you for sharing your views with us.


All feedback received during this period has been recorded and will be responded to in our final application.

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## **10. STATUTORY CONSULTATION ZONE**

### **10.1 INTRODUCTION**

10.1.1 This Appendix presents information and materials relating to the Section 47 Community Consultation Area, as set out in Section 8.6-11 of this Consultation Report and in accordance with Section 47(1) of the 2008 Act.

10.1.2 As set out in Chapter 8 of the Consultation Report, the Applicant identified a Core Consultation Zone and Wider Consultation Area for the Proposed Development. Statutory consultation activities for the Core Consultation Zone are set out in Section 8.9, and statutory consultation activities for the Wider Consultation Area are detailed in Section 8.11.

10.1.3 This Appendix comprises the following information and documentation:

- Map showing the Core Consultation Zone and Wider Consultation Area in relation to the Proposed Development (including local authority boundaries, county boundaries, the locations of Community Access Points (CAP) sites and Stage Two Statutory Consultation event venues);
- Maps showing the coverage areas of local newspapers in which the Applicant placed advertisements;
- Table 10-1 Local Newspapers Coverage (Towns and Postcodes for Purchase);
- Table 10-2 Local Information Points (please see Chapter 7 and Appendix 6.3.2 for the Proposed list included in the draft SoCC consultation); and



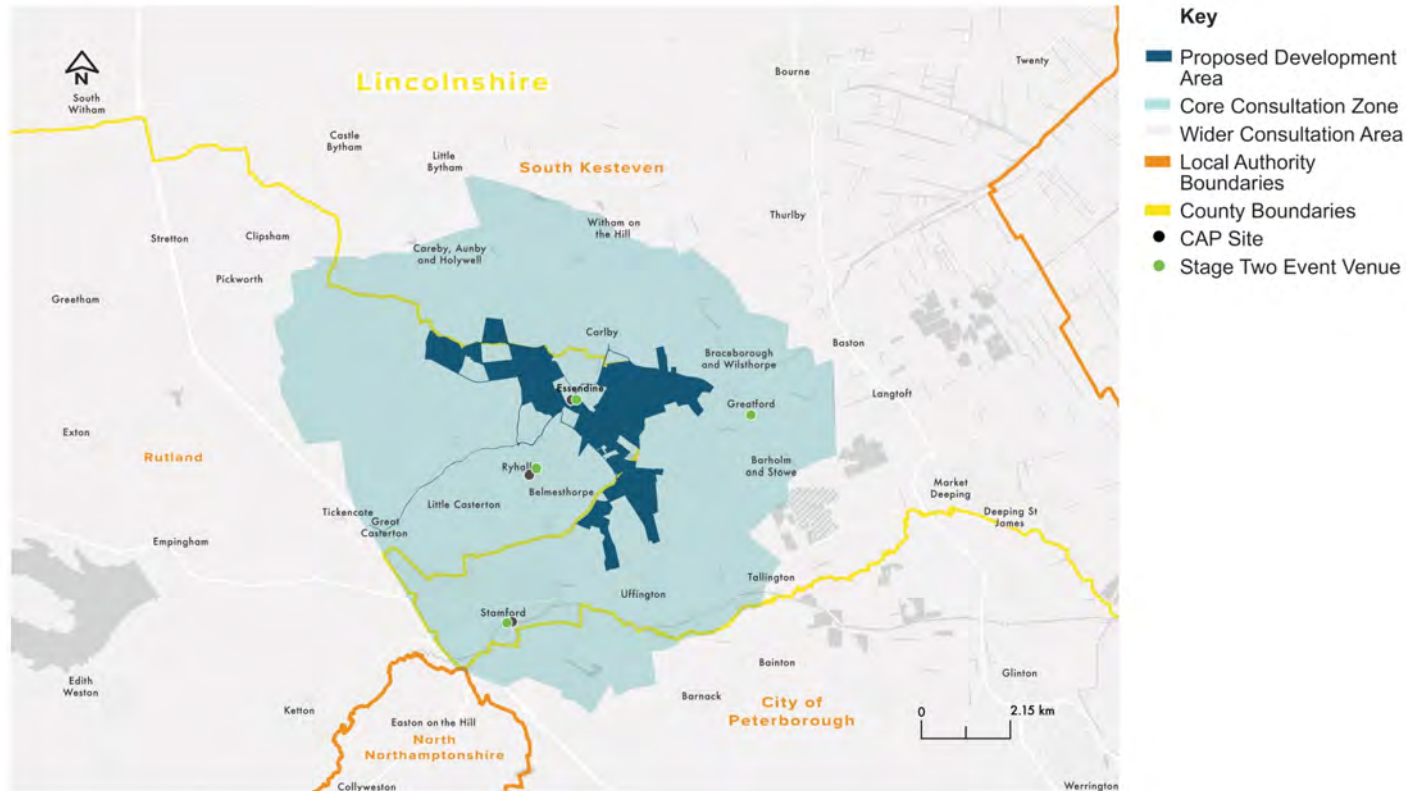
- Table 10-3 Media List (including list of local press and general trade publications contacted across the public consultation periods for the Proposed Development).

10.1.4 As is shown in Table 10-3 Media List, the Applicant contacted 70 different media outlets across the public consultation periods for the Proposed Development, reaching out to over 120 media contacts across these organisations. The Applicant contacted:

- 66 media contacts across the 28 local press publications listed;  
and
- 56 media contacts across the 42 general trade publications listed.



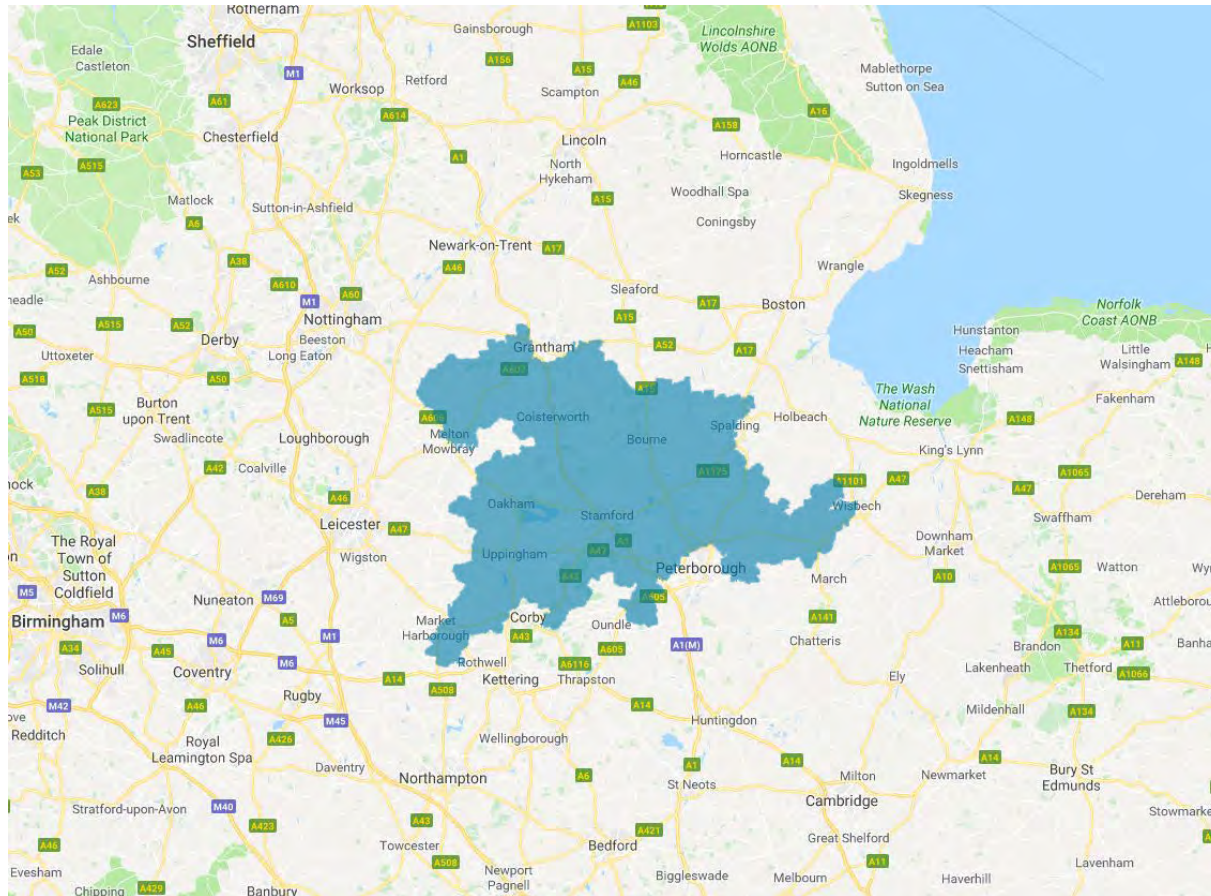
## **10.2 MAP OF CORE CONSULTATION ZONE AND WIDER CONSULTATION AREA**





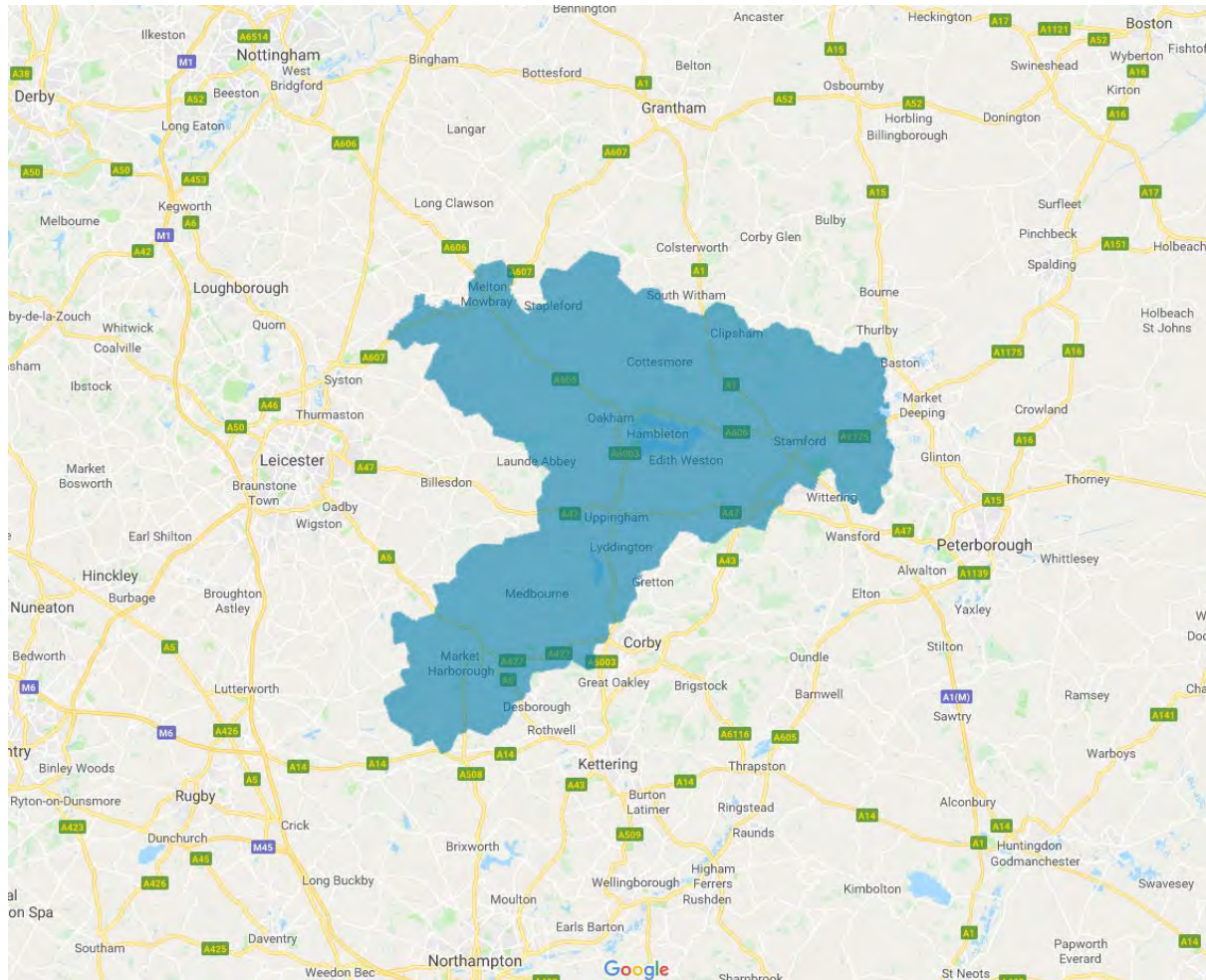
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### **10.3.1 RUTLAND AND STAMFORD MERCURY**





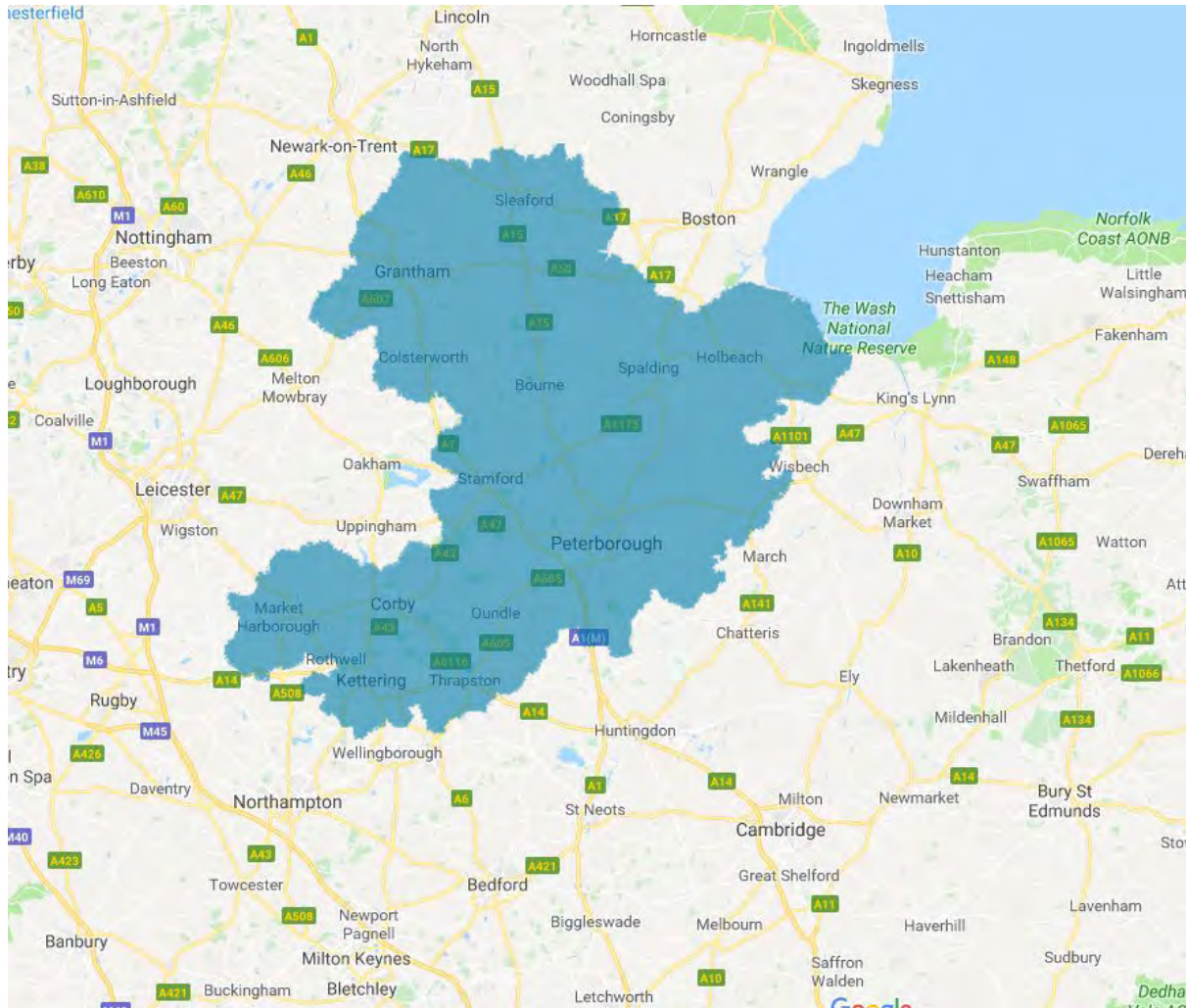
### 10.3.2 RUTLAND TIMES





### 10.3.3 BOURNE LOCAL





**10.4 TABLE 10-1 LOCAL NEWSPAPER COVERAGE AREAS (TOWNS  
AND POSTCODES FOR PURCHASE)**

<b>Local Media Publication</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Postcodes</b>
Rutland and Stamford Mercury	Boston Rural	PE11 4
	BourBone	PE10 0
		PE10 9
	Chatteries Ramsey Rural Area	PE26 1
	Corby	NN17 1
		NN17 2
		NN17 3
		NN17 5
	Grantham	NG31 6
		NG31 9
	Grantham Rural	NG33 4
		NG33 5
	Hinckley	LE10 1
	Holbeach	PE12 7
		PE12 9
	Horncastle	LN9 5
	Huntingdon	PE28 5
	Kettering	NN15 5
		NN16 0
		NN16 8
	Leicester	LE5 6
	Leicester Rural	LE7 3
		LE7 9
		LE9 9
	Lincoln	LN2 4
		LN2 5
		LN6 3

Local Media Publication	Town	Postcodes
		LN6 8
	Lincoln Rural	LN4 2
		LN5 0
	Mablethorpe	LN12 1
		LN12 2
	Market Deeping	PE6 8
		PE6 9
	Market Harborough	LE16 8
	Melton Mowbray	LE13 1
	Melton Mowbray Rural	LE14 2
		LE14 3
		LE14 4
	Newark Upon Trent	NG24 1
	Oadby Wigston	LE18 1
		LE2 5
	Oakham	LE15 6
		LE15 7
		LE15 8
		LE15 9
	Oundle	PE8 4
	Peterborough	PE1 1
		PE1 3
		PE1 5
		PE2 5
		PE2 7
		PE2 8
		PE2 9
		PE3 6

Local Media Publication	Town	Postcodes
		PE3 8
		PE3 9
		PE4 5
		PE4 6
	Peterborough Rural	PE5 7
		PE6 0
		PE6 7
		PE7 1
		PE7 3
		PE7 8
		PE8 6
	Sleaford	NG34 7
	Sleaford Rural	NG34 0
	Spalding	PE11 1
		PE11 2
	Spalding Rural	PE11 3
		PE12 6
	Stamford	PE9 1
		PE9 2
		PE9 3
		PE9 4
Thrapston	NN14 3	
	NN14 4	
Wisbech	PE13 1	
Rutland Times	Bourne	PE10 9
	Corby	NN17 1
		NN17 5
	Leicester	LE2 7

Local Media Publication	Town	Postcodes	
	Leicester Rural	LE7 9	
	Lutterworth	LE17 4	
	Market Harborough	LE16 8	
	Melton Mowbray	LE13 0	
		LE13 1	
	Melton Mowbray Rural	LE14 2	
		LE14 3	
	Oakham	LE15 6	
		LE15 7	
		LE15 8	
		LE15 9	
	Oundle	PE8 4	
	Stamford	PE9 1	
		PE9 2	
		PE9 3	
	Bourne Local	Bourne	PE10 0
			PE10 9
Grantham		NG31 6	
		NG31 9	
Grantham Rural		NG33 4	
Market Deeping		PE6 8	
		PE6 9	
Peterborough Rural		PE7 1	
Sleaford Rural		NG34 0	
Spalding		PE11 1	
Spalding Rural		PE12 6	
Stamford	PE9 1		
	PE9 2		

## 10.5 TABLE 10-2 LOCAL INFORMATION POINTS

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
All Saints Church	The Rectory, Main Street, Great Casterton, Stamford, PE9 4AP
All Saints Church	All Saints' Place, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2AG
All Saints Post Office	All Saints Place, Stamford, PE9 2EY
Blackstones Sports and Social Club	The Sports Field, Lincoln Rd, Stamford, PE9 1UU
Borderville Sports Centre	Ryhall Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 1US
BUPA Dental Care	Ryhall Rd, Stamford, PE9 1UF
Burghley Golf Club	Burghley Park Golf Club, Peterborough, Stamford, PE9 3JX
Carlby Village Hall	High Street, Carlby, South Kesteven, PE9 4LX
Casterton Convenience Stores	34 Little Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 1BE
Cellar Bar	27 St Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DL
Church St Lawrence of Rome Tallington	Church Ln, Tallington, Stamford, PE9 4RU
Costcutter Stamford	10 Green Lane, Stamford, PE9 1HF
CPRE Rutland	10 Rectory Ln, Medbourne, Market Harborough, LE16 8DZ
Crown Inn Pub	Main Street, Great Casterton, Stamford, PE9 4AP
Essendine Village Hall	Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ



<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Essendine Village Hall Clerk	[Not included in accordance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018]
Green Lane Superstore - Stamford	10 Green Lane, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 1HF
Kings Head Inn	19 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ
Lakeside Healthcare	Ryhall Rd, Stamford, PE9 1YA
Lakeside Healthcare	Wharf Rd, Stamford, PE9 2DH
Lidl Stamford	Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1UG
Londis - Casterton Service Station	Great North Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4DE
M&S Simply Food Stamford	41-45 High Street, Stamford, PE9 2BD
Mama Liz's	9A North St, Stamford, PE9 1EL
Market Deeping Town Hall and Library	Town Hall, Market Place, Market Deeping, Peterborough, PE6 8EA
Morrisons Stamford	Uffington Road, Stamford, PE9 2FT
Paten & Co.	All Saints Place, Stamford, PE9 2AG
Ryhall Bowls Club	Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HS
Ryhall Methodist Church	3 Crown St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HQ
Ryhall Village Hall	Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HR
Ryhall Village Stores and Post Office	The Square, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HJ
Sainsburys Stamford	1 Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1UG
Second Helpings	11 Barn Hill, Stamford, PE9 2AE
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre and Swim School	Brazenose House, St. Paul's Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2BE

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
St George's Church Hub	27 -29 St George's Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2BJ
St John the Evangelist Church Ryhall	Church St, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4ER
St Margaret of Antioch	Braceborough, Stamford, PE9 4NT
St Martin's Church	High Street, St Martin's, Stamford, PE9 2NT
St Martin's Church Benefice Office	No 8 Lord Burghley's Hospital, Station Rd, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2LD
St Mary and St Augustine Church	13 Broad Street, Stamford, PE9 1PG
St Mary Magdalene Church Essendine	Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LH
St Mary's Church	St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DS
St Mary's Church Benefice Office	No 8 Lord Burghley's Hospital, Station Rd, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2LD
St Mary's Dental Practice	34A St Mary's St, Stamford, PE9 2DS
St Mary's Vaults	19 St. Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DG
St Michaels and All Angels Church	Main Rd, Uffington, Stamford, PE9 4SN
St Peter and St Paul Church	48 Main Street, Greetham, Oakham, LE15 7NL
St Stephens Church Carlby	Church St, Carlby, Stamford, PE9 4NB
Stamford & Rutland Hospital	Ryhall Rd, Stamford, PE9 1UA
Stamford Arts Centre and Tourist Information Centre	27 St Mary's Street, Stamford PE9 2DL

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Stamford Corn Exchange Theatre	Broad St, Stamford, PE9 1PX
Stamford Cricket Club	Uffington Rd, Stamford, PE9 3AA
Stamford Express	46-51 High St, Stamford, PE9 2BD
Stamford Free Church	Kesteven Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 1SU
Stamford Garden Centre and Café Ltd	Casterton Rd, Stamford, PE9 4BB
Stamford Job Centre	3 St John's St, Stamford, PE9 2DB
Stamford Leisure Pool	Drift Rd, Stamford, PE9 1UZ
Stamford Library	High Street, Stamford, PE9 2BB
Stamford Masonic Centre	3 All Saints' St, Stamford, PE9 2PA
Stamford Methodist Church	11 Barn Hill, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2AE
Stamford Pharmacy	6 St Mary's Hill, St Martins, Stamford, PE9 2DP
Stamford Post Pub	7 Sheep Market, Stamford, PE9 2QZ
Stamford Registration Office	33 Ryhall Rd, Stamford, PE9 1UF
Stamford Rugby Club	Hambleton Rd, Stamford, PE9 2RZ
Stamford Town Council	St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DR
Stamford United Reformed Church	3 Star Ln, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 1PE
Superdrug	22a High St, Stamford, PE9 2AY
Sutherland Way Post Office	32A Sutherland Way, Stamford, PE9 2TB
The Bertie Arms	Bertie Ln, Uffington, Stamford, PE9 4SZ
The Broad Street Practice	20-21 Broad St, Stamford, PE9 1PG

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
The Bull & Swan at Burghley	High Street, St. Martins, Stamford, PE9 2LJ
The Crown Hotel	6 All Saints Place, Stamford, PE9 2AG
The Danish Invader	Empingham Rd, Stamford, PE9 2SX
The George Hotel of Stamford	71 High St. Martins, Stamford, PE9 2LB
The Golden Fleece	18 Sheep Market, Stamford, PE9 2RB
The Green Dragon	The Square, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4HJ
The Green Man	29 Scotgate, Stamford, PE9 2YQ
The Hare & Hounds	Village Street, Greatford, Stamford, PE9 4QA
The Horseshoe	Peterborough Rd, Thurlby, Bourne, PE10 0EL
The Hub / Hatch Desks	Blackfriars St, Stamford, PE9 2BW
The Hurdler	93 New Cross Rd, Stamford, PE9 1AL
The Jolly Brewer	Foundry Road, Stamford, PE9 2PP
The London Inn	4 St John's St, Stamford, PE9 2DB
The Lord Burghley	17 Broad St, Stamford, PE9 1PG
The Melbourn Brothers - Stamford	21-22 All Saints Street, Stamford, PE9 2PA
The Millstone	All Saints Street, Stamford, PE9 2PA
The Millstone Inn	Bridge St, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HH
The Old Delivery Office	Horseshoe Lane, Stamford, PE9 2RB
The Pear Tree	6-8 Broad Street, Stamford, PE9 1PB
The Single Cask	16 St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2HN
The Six Bells Witham	Main Street, Witham on the Hill, Bourne, PE10 0JH

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
The Tobie Norris	12 St Pauls Street, Stamford, PE9 2BE
The Waggon And Horses	1 Peterborough Rd, Langtoft, Peterborough, PE6 9LW
The William Cecil at Stamford	St Martins, Stamford, PE9 2LJ
The Wine Bar Stamford	10 St Paul's Street, Stamford, PE9 2BE
Today's Express	50A Kesteven Rd, Stamford, PE9 1SU
Today's Local - Stamford	10 Red Lion Square, Stamford, PE9 2AJ
Twelve All Saints Stamford	12 All Saints' Place, Stamford, PE9 2AB
Uffington Cricket Ground	Greatford Road, Uffington, Stamford, PE9 4SR
Unity Centre	West Street, Stamford, PE9 2PR
Village Hall Braceborough & Wilsthorpe	Main St/ Church St, Braceborough, Stamford, PE9 4NT
Village Hall Great Casterton	Main St, Stamford, PE9 4AP
Village Hall Greatford	Greatford, Stamford, PE9 4PP
Village Hall Tallington	Tallington, Stamford, PE9 4RP
Village Hall Uffington	55 Main Road, Uffington, Stamford, PE9 4SN
Waitrose & Partners	West Street, Lincolnshire, Stamford, PE9 2PR

## 10.6 TABLE 10-3 MEDIA LIST

<b>Publication Name</b>
<b>Local press publications</b>
BBC East Midlands
BBC Lincolnshire
BBC News
BBC Radio Leicester
BBC Radio Lincolnshire
BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Politics North
Boston Hassle
Boston Standard
Bourne Local
Grantham Journal
Greatest Hits Radio Stamford and Rutland
Lincolnshire Echo
Lincolnshire Free Press
Lincolnshire Life Magazine
Lincolnshire Live
Lincolnshire Pride
Lincolnshire Reporter
Lincolnshire World
Lincs FM
Lynn News
Melton Times
Peterborough Telegraph
Rotherham & South Yorkshire Advertiser
Rutland and Stamford Mercury
Rutland and Stamford Sound
Rutland Times
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The Lincolnite
<b>General trade publications</b>
1st Energy News
Acuris
Bloomberg New Energy Finance
Business Green
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Carbon Capture Journal
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Clean Energy Pipeline
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#### Appendix 11: Section 44 Consultees and Consultation

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## **11. SECTION 44 CONSULTEES AND CONSULTATION**

### **11.1 INTRODUCTION**

11.1.1 This Appendix presents information and materials relating to the Applicant's compliance with Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act, undertaking consultation with the relevant persons defined under Section 44. This consultation is detailed in Chapter 9 of this Consultation Report.

11.1.2 This Appendix comprises the following information and documentation:

- Table 11-1 Section 44 Stakeholder List and Dates of Engagement;
- Table 11-2 Record of Section 42 Landowner (Section 44 Consultees) Letters;
- Table 11-3 Record of Section 42 Landowner (Section 44) Land Interest Questionnaires;
- A copy of the Section 44 Notice (including covering letters for Category 1, 2 and 3 Consultees; Proposed Development Site Location Plan and a copy of the Section 48 Notice);
- A copy of the Land Interest Questionnaire (including covering letter and chaser letter); and
- A map showing the onsite locations of Section 48 Notices in hard copy in relation to the Proposed Development.

11.1.3 The Applicant issued Section 42 Notices to all parties with an interest in the Proposed Development, sending the relevant covering letter and materials as shown in Appendix 3. Table 11-2 sets out this engagement, providing details on which date the Applicant provided notifications and the purpose of additional engagement past the start date of the Stage

Two Statutory Consultation on 26 May 2022. As detailed in Chapter 9 of this Report, the Applicant provided at least the 28-day statutory minimum for consultation with each of these stakeholders.

- 11.1.4 The Applicant issued Land Interest Questionnaires to all parties with an interest in the Proposed Development, sending the relevant covering letter and materials as shown in Section 11.6 of this Appendix. Table 11-3 of this Appendix sets out this engagement, providing details on which date the Applicant consulted with the relevant parties and the purpose of additional engagement past the start date of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation on 26 May 2022. As further detailed in Chapter 9 of this Report, the Applicant provided at least the 28-day statutory minimum for consultation with each of these stakeholders.



**11.2 TABLE 11-1 SECTION 44 STAKEHOLDER LIST AND DATES OF ENGAGEMENT**

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Accord Mortgages Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Alastair Gunn	17/06/2022	N/A
Alec George Bradley	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Alexandra Property Group Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Alison Bridget Eaves	13/09/2022	N/A
Alison Dawn Gunn	17/06/2022	N/A
Amy Joanne Osborne	17/06/2022	N/A
Andrew Charles Pearce	13/09/2022	N/A
Andrew Croft	15/06/2022	28/06/2022
Andrew Jardine Mair	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Andrew John Beamish	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Andrew Pearson	17/06/2022	N/A
Andrew Thomas Julian Harding	17/06/2022	29/09/2022
Anglian Water Services Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Ann Christine Croft	15/06/2022	28/06/2022
Anthony Edward Morris	17/06/2022	N/A
Anthony John Carr	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	15/06/2022	N/A
Antonino Labruzzo	17/06/2022	N/A
Ashley Peter Reed	17/06/2022	N/A



<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Ballards Removals Holdings Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Bank of Scotland plc	15/06/2022	N/A
Barclays Bank plc	15/06/2022	N/A
Beverley Ann Miller	17/06/2022	N/A
Bobbie-Leigh Freeman	17/06/2022	N/A
Brett Shane Faulkner	17/06/2022	N/A
Brian Herbert Burkitt	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
BT Limited	23/05/2022	21/07/2022
Burghley House Preservation Trust Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Cadent Gas Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Carol Anne Jones	17/06/2022	N/A
Caroline Anne Gardner	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Caroline Croxton	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	23/05/2022	N/A
Charles Daniel Lane	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Charlotte Margaret Sissons	17/06/2022	N/A
Charmaine Marie Horsfield	17/06/2022	N/A
████████████████████	17/06/2022	N/A
████████████████████	15/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Claire Elizabeth Flint	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Colin Leslie Beecham	17/06/2022	N/A
Colleen Lord	17/06/2022	N/A
Coventry Building Society	17/06/2022	N/A
Cumberland Building Society	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
David Alan Miller	17/06/2022	N/A
David Arthur Whitehead	17/06/2022	N/A
David Booler Trustees Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
David Iain Ogg	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Denise Yvonne Watkinson	17/06/2022	N/A
Dennis John Taylor	13/09/2022	N/A
Devinder Jandu	15/06/2022	N/A
Dhanwant Jandu	15/06/2022	N/A
Eastern Properties Anglia Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Easternrose Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Elizabeth Anne Rowland	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Elizabeth Mary Dixon	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Environment Agency	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
ESP Utilities Group Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Essendine Parish Council	17/06/2022	N/A
Exolum Pipeline Systems Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Festino (Finance) Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Fiona Jane Beamish	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Fulcrum Utility Services Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Geoffrey Walter Woolley	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Gigaclear Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Gillian Margaret Sissons	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Graham Philip Cook	17/06/2022	N/A
Guy Allan Peverell	17/06/2022	N/A
Gwyneth Auriol Whitehead	17/06/2022	N/A
H.E. Parkinson	See Herbert Edward Parkinson	See Herbert Edward Parkinson
Hayley Pearce	17/06/2022	N/A
Heidi Louise Shackell	17/06/2022	N/A
Helen Jane Hocking	17/06/2022	N/A
Helen Louise Woolley	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Herbert Edward Parkinson	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Hereward Homes Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
HSBC Bank Plc	17/06/2022	N/A
HSBC UK Bank Plc	17/06/2022	N/A
Hugh Jardine Mair	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Idris Llewellyn Jones	17/06/2022	N/A
J R Naylor & Sons	See James Robert Naylor	See James Robert Naylor
[REDACTED]	23/05/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	23/05/2022	N/A
James Robert Naylor	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
James Shackell	15/06/2022	N/A
Janet Evelyn Bradley	23/05/2022	17/05/2022

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Janet Howitt Rhys-Davies	17/06/2022	N/A
Janet Janita Upex	17/06/2022	N/A
Janina Harding	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
[REDACTED]	23/05/2022	N/A
Jelson Limited	17/06/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Jennifer Ann Achurch	13/09/2022	N/A
Joan Mary Saunders	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Joan Taylor	13/09/2022	N/A
Jo-Ann Morris	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
John Alan Watkinson	17/06/2022	N/A
John Clement Saunders	17/06/2022	N/A
John Terry Pearson	17/06/2022	N/A
John William Naylor	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Jonathan Robert Flint	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Joy Rachel Faulkner	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Julia Thomas	13/09/2022	N/A
Julie Ann Beecham	23/05/2022	N/A
Juliet Violet Porter	17/06/2022	N/A
Just Retirement Money Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Justin Paul Osborne	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Laura Louise Jones	17/06/2022	N/A
Leeds Building Society	17/06/2022	N/A
Lincolnshire County Council	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Linda Ann Pearson	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	16/08/2022	N/A
Lindale Mortgages Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Lisa Kathryn Peverell	17/06/2022	N/A
Lloyds Bank plc	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Longhurst Group Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Louise Catherine Chamberlain	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
M&G Trustee Company Limited	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Marcus John Batty	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Margaret Fiona Ogg	17/06/2022	N/A
Margaret June Payne	17/06/2022	N/A
Maria Margaret O'Neil	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Marie Patricia Cart	17/06/2022	N/A
Marion Mair	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Mark Stuart Brown	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Mark William Thomas	13/09/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Mary Monica Foster	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	23/05/2022	N/A
MESJ Management Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Michael Freeman	17/06/2022	N/A
Michael John Lord	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Michael Robert Chapman	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Michele Marguerite Charrington	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
National Grid Electricity Distribution PLC	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
National Grid Gas PLC	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
National Highways Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
National Westminster Bank plc	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022, 24/10/2022
Nationwide Building Society	17/06/2022	N/A
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Nichola Jane Davey	13/09/2022	N/A
Nicholas James Charrington	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Nicola Mawer	17/06/2022	N/A



<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Nigel Stuart Aitken	17/06/2022	N/A
Patricia Ann Leaper	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Paul Genever	22/06/2022	N/A
Paul Mills	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	17/06/2022	N/A
Peter Alan Reed	17/06/2022	N/A
Peter James Foster	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	15/06/2022	N/A
Philip Leaper	17/06/2022	N/A
Philip Simon Jeffries	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	15/06/2022	N/A
Pure Retirement Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Richard Hocking	17/06/2022	N/A
Richard William Parkinson	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Robert Alan O'Neil	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Robert Charles David Beaver	17/06/2022	N/A
Robert Edward Trickey	17/06/2022	N/A
Robin Horsfield	17/06/2022	N/A
Roger James Douglas	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	17/06/2022	N/A
Roger Upex	17/06/2022	N/A
██████████	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Rutland County Council	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Sally Anne Naylor	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Samantha Jane Jeffries	17/06/2022	N/A
Sandra Marie Trickey	17/06/2022	N/A
Sandra Thelma Reed	17/06/2022	N/A
Santander UK Plc	15/06/2022	N/A
Sara Jane Achurch	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
Sarah Elizabeth Batty	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
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Skipton Building Society	15/06/2022	N/A
Snikarts Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
Sophie Katherine Billington	17/06/2022	N/A
Stamford Storage (HG) Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Stephen Croxton	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Stephen Graham Sissons	17/06/2022	N/A
Stephen James Smalley	17/06/2022	N/A
Steven John Boon	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
Susan Smalley	17/06/2022	03/10/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Tarmac Trading Limited	04/08/2022	04/08/2022 Chaser: 24/10/2022
Teresa Denise Cook	17/06/2022	17/05/2022
The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Plc	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
The Events & Tents Company Limited	17/06/2022	N/A
The Executors of Mary Kathleen Annie Beaver	17/06/2022	N/A
The Executors of Muriel Flint	23/05/2022	N/A
The Executors of Neil Beaver	17/06/2022	N/A
The Heys Group Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
The Owner/ Occupier, 5 Stamford Road, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ	17/06/2022	24/10/2022
The Owner/ Occupier, Burkett Close, Stamford Road, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ	17/06/2022	24/10/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
Thomas William Barker	17/06/2022	N/A
Timothy Harden Neal	17/06/2022	N/A

<b>Section 44 Consultee</b>	<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Date of LIQ Consultation</b>
[REDACTED]	16/08/2022	N/A
TSB Bank Plc	17/06/2022	N/A
Ulf Wahlers	17/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
[REDACTED]	17/06/2022	N/A
Vodafone Limited	23/05/2022	17/05/2022 Chaser: 27/06/2022
[REDACTED]	15/06/2022	N/A
[REDACTED]	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
William John Mair	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
William John Williams	23/05/2022	17/05/2022
Yvonne Susan Genever	22/06/2022	N/A



**11.3 TABLE 11-2 RECORD OF SECTION 42 LANDOWNER (SECTION 44  
CONSULTEES) LETTERS**

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>Reason</b>
23.05.2022	Initial Mail Out based on HMLR Investigations
15.06.2022	Category 3 Interests
17.06.2022	Subsoil Interest Mail Out - properties adjacent to highway within the Proposed Development boundary
22.06.2025	Mail Out to Unknown Occupiers of residential properties adjacent Stamford Road
04.08.2022	Newly Identified Party – Mines and Minerals
16.08.2022	Newly Identified Parties
13.09.2022	Additional Subsoil Parties - Bourne Road



**11.4 TABLE 11-3 RECORD OF SECTION 42 LANDOWNER (SECTION 44)  
LAND INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRES**

Date of Consultation	Reason
18.05.2022	Initial Mail Out based on HMLR Investigations
28.06.2022	Newly Identified Parties
21.07.2022	Additional Utility RFI's
17.08.2022	Newly Identified Parties
04.08.2022	Newly Identified Parties
24.10.2022	Land Interest Questionnaire Chaser Letters





## **11.5 SECTION 44 NOTICE**

### **11.5.1 COVERING LETTER FOR CATEGORY 1 AND 2 INTEREST CONSULTEES**



23 May 2022

[Address Line 1]  
[Address Line 2]  
[Address Line 3]  
[Address Line 4]

Dear [Contact Name / Sir/Madam],

## **Mallard Pass Solar Farm**

### **Statutory Consultation**

#### **Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”), Regulation 3 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and Regulations 11 and 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”)**

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd (“the Applicant”) intends to install a new solar farm near Essendine, partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. The project is proposed to generate in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, using ground-mounted solar arrays to provide reliable, low-cost electricity to the national grid. Mallard Pass Solar Farm could generate enough renewable electricity to power the equivalent of 92,000 average UK households each year, helping our country reach urgent climate change targets, while supporting the local environment by delivering a biodiversity net gain.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm project (“Mallard Pass”). The Applicant is seeking a DCO because Mallard Pass is proposed to have an anticipated potential output of over 50 MW. Due to this, Mallard Pass is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and must therefore submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. This application will then be determined by the Secretary of State for the Department for BEIS.

The DCO application will contain full details of Mallard Pass and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the 2017 Regulations.



### Consultation on Mallard Pass

Mallard Pass is currently in the pre-application phase of the DCO application process. As part of that process, the Applicant is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before it is submitted. Your feedback as part of this consultation will be considered before the Applicant finalises its DCO application and will also be reported to the Secretary of State when the application is submitted. Any representations you have already made will also be reported.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities (under section 42 and section 43 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by Mallard Pass (under section 44 of the 2008 Act); and
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Mallard Pass (under section 47 of the 2008 Act).

This letter is being sent to all parties required to be consulted under section 44 of the 2008 Planning Act. Accordingly, you are being consulted on the proposed scheme because you have one or more of the following categories of interests in land that is the subject of the proposed scheme (as set out in section 44 of the Planning Act 2008):

- you are an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land which is in our proposed application boundary ('Category 1');
- you have another type of interest in, or have the power to sell, convey, or release some of the land which is in our proposed application boundary ('Category 2'); or
- your property or land may, in due course, be affected by the carrying out of, or the use of the proposed scheme, such that you may be entitled to bring a claim for compensation in the future ('Category 3').

We are writing to you as we believe that you may have an interest in land that falls within Category 1 or 2; and we therefore wish to obtain your feedback on our proposals.

This consultation will run from **Thursday 26 May 2022** to **Thursday 04 August 2022**.

Details of how this consultation is being carried out can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation agreed with your local planning authority, available at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents).

In addition, section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations require the Applicant to publicise its proposed DCO application. A formal notice publicising the proposed application is therefore enclosed with this letter which includes a summary of the key elements of the Mallard Pass proposals.

### Consultation materials

As Mallard Pass is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development, the Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”). This has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate and reports the results of the EIA process that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of Mallard Pass and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process and the design of Mallard Pass will continue to evolve during the pre-application stage.

In addition to the PEIR, the Applicant has produced a Main Consultation Document, Community Consultation Leaflet, and Feedback Form. These consultation documents provide information and invite feedback on the proposals for Mallard Pass.

Consultation materials are available free of charge online at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents), and to view in hard copy at the locations listed in the enclosed section 48 notice. A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request.

Hard copies of these documents are also available on request. Please note that a full printed version of the PEIR is subject to a £350 fee, while all other consultation documents can be provided free-of-charge. Details of how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the enclosed section 48 notice.

### How to respond to this consultation

Completed responses to this consultation should be submitted to:

- (a) [Include Ardent contact details]
- (b) [Include Ardent contact details]

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in Mallard Pass.

### **Responses must be received on or before Thursday 04 August 2022.**

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received on or before this date. Responses received after this time may not be considered. Responses and representations will form the basis of a Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of the DCO application, and therefore may become public. Personal details will be held securely and solely for purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, DCO process and further development of the Project. Please see the enclosed notice for further details.



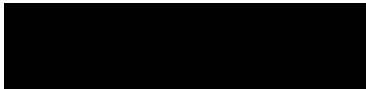
### Further information

If you would like further information about this this consultation or Mallard Pass Solar Farm more generally, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- Email: [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk).
- Post: FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm.
- Phone: 0808 196 8717.
- Visit our website: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



Sarah Price  
Planning Lead  
Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd.



## 11.5.2 COVERING LETTER FOR CATEGORY 3 INTEREST CONSULTEES



15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

«Address»

Dear «Salutation»,

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- Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by Mallard Pass (under section 44 of the 2008 Act); and
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Mallard Pass (under section 47 of the 2008 Act).

This letter is being sent to all parties required to be consulted under section 44 of the 2008 Planning Act. Accordingly, you are being consulted on the proposed scheme because you have one or more of the following categories of interests in land that is the subject of the proposed scheme (as set out in section 44 of the Planning Act 2008):

- you are an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land which is in our proposed application boundary ('Category 1');
- you have another type of interest in, or have the power to sell, convey, or release some of the land which is in our proposed application boundary ('Category 2'); or
- your property or land may, in due course, be affected by the carrying out of, or the use of the proposed scheme, such that you may be entitled to bring a claim for compensation in the future ('Category 3').

We are writing to you as we believe that you may have an interest in land that falls within Category 3; and we therefore wish to obtain your feedback on our proposals.

As a Category 3 interest, you may be able to claim compensation under section 152(3) of the 2008 Act; under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965; or, under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973. In particular, compensation may be claimed under Part 1 if you own and occupy property the value of which is diminished by physical factors arising from the use or operation of the proposed scheme. The relevant physical factors are noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, artificial lighting and the discharge of any solid or liquid substance on to the property that is the subject of the claim.

This consultation is running from **Thursday 26 May 2022** to **Thursday 04 August 2022**.

Details of how this consultation is being carried out can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation agreed with your local planning authority, available at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents).





In addition, section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations require the Applicant to publicise its proposed DCO application. A formal notice publicising the proposed application is therefore enclosed with this letter which includes a summary of the key elements of the Mallard Pass proposals.

### Consultation materials

As Mallard Pass is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development, the Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”). This has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate and reports the results of the EIA process that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of Mallard Pass and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process and the design of Mallard Pass will continue to evolve during the pre-application stage.

In addition to the PEIR, the Applicant has produced a Main Consultation Document, Community Consultation Leaflet, and Feedback Form. These consultation documents provide information and invite feedback on the proposals for Mallard Pass.

Consultation materials are available free of charge online at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents), and to view in hard copy at the locations listed in the enclosed section 48 notice. A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request.

Hard copies of these documents are also available on request. Please note that a full printed version of the PEIR is subject to a £350 fee, while all other consultation documents can be provided free-of-charge. Details of how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the enclosed section 48 notice.

### How to respond to this consultation

Completed responses to this consultation should be submitted to:

**Oscar Barton**  
**MallardPass@ardent-management.com**  
**Mobile: 07824 113520**

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in Mallard Pass.

**Responses must be received on or before Thursday 04 August 2022.**

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received on or before this date. Responses received after this time may not be considered. Responses and representations will form the basis of a Consultation Report, which will be submitted as



part of the DCO application, and therefore may become public. Personal details will be held securely and solely for purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, DCO process and further development of the Project. Please see the enclosed notice for further details.

#### Further information

If you would like further information about this this consultation or Mallard Pass Solar Farm more generally, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- Email: [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk).
- Post: FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm.
- Phone: 0808 196 8717.
- Visit our website: [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you.

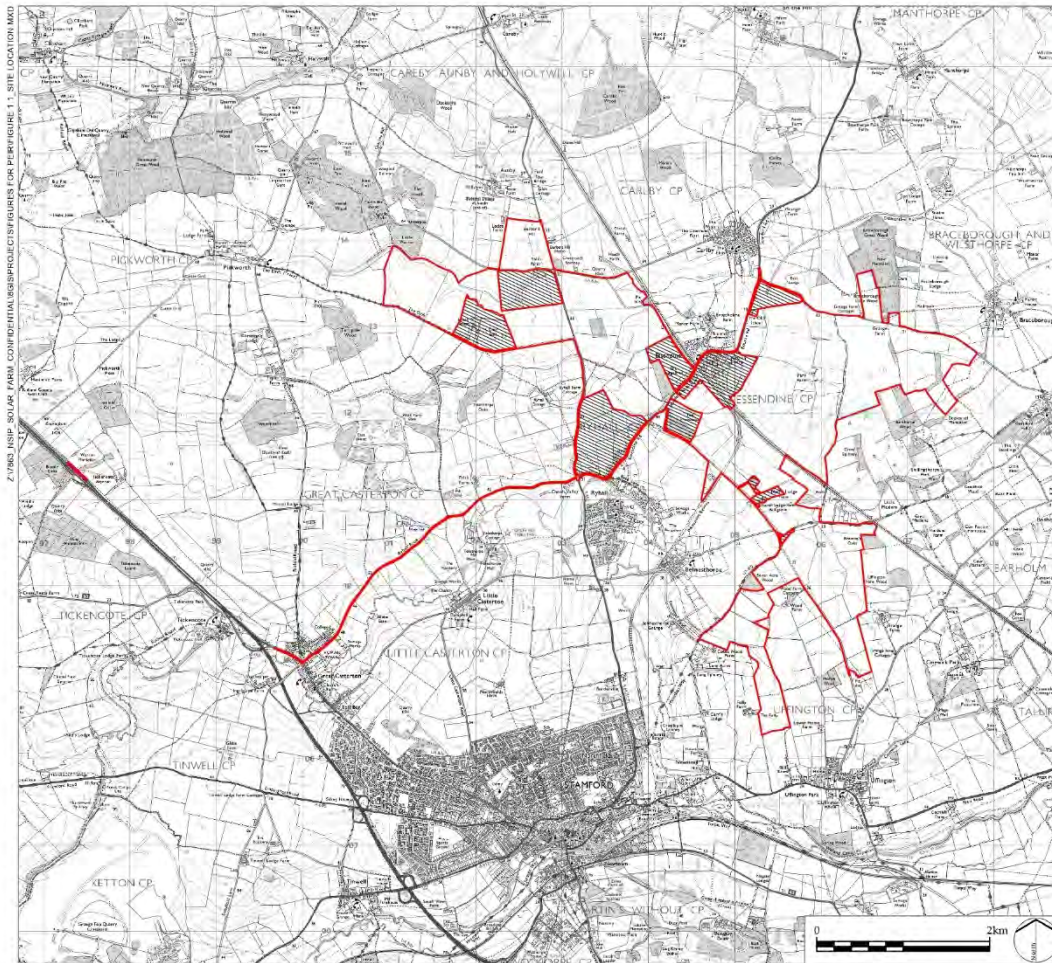
Yours faithfully,



Sarah Price  
Planning Lead  
Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd.



### 11.5.3 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITE LOCATION PLAN



**LDĀ DESIGN**

PROJECT TITLE  
MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM:  
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT

DRAWING TITLE  
Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan

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#### 11.5.4 SECTION 48 NOTICE

## Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to construct, operate, maintain and decommission solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and associated infrastructure on agricultural land situated at the East Coast Main Line near Essendine (Mallard Pass Solar Farm).

### Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

1. Notice is hereby given that Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd (the "Applicant") of S10 Blyth Workspace Commissioners Quay, Quay Road, Blyth, England, NE24 3AG, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (the "Application").

2. Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited is a partnership between Windel Energy and Canadian Solar Inc.

3. Mallard Pass Solar Farm (the "Project") will be partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. It will cover an area of approximately 906 hectares (ha) and will generate in the region of 350 MW of renewable energy. The Project includes a solar array, infrastructure to connect to the national grid, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works.

4. The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- Construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar PV electricity generating facility with a capacity of over 50 MW;
- Associated and/or ancillary works including construction of a substation and cable works to connect to the National Grid substation, the creation of environmental mitigation and enhancement areas and the creation of permissive paths;
- Alterations to streets, including the creation and modification of temporary and permanent accesses to the solar site, the temporary removal of street furniture and any necessary temporary diversion and/or stoppings up of public rights of way;
- The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights;
- The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant matters; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient for the purposes of the Project.

5. The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works involved constitute development for which an EIA is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES). A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will also be made available for consultation.

#### Stage Two consultation

6. The Applicant is undertaking a second stage of consultation on the proposals for the Project between **Thursday 26 May 2022 and Thursday 04 August 2022**.

7. During this time, a copy of the PEIR, together with a Non-Technical Summary, our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents explaining our consultation process and details of the Project may be inspected free of charge at the following locations, known as Community Access Points (CAP) sites\*:

- **Essendine Village Hall**, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ  
(Opening hours Friday 10 June, 5 pm – 7 pm, Friday 17 June, 10 am – 12 pm.  
Venue to organise and publicise additional opening hours via local media.)
- **Stamford Arts Centre**, 27 St Mary's St, Stamford PE9 2DL  
(Opening hours Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 10 pm.)
- **Ryhall Village Hall**, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR  
(Opening hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 9 pm, Saturday – Sunday, 9 am – 12 pm.)

\*Opening times have been checked, but they are dependent on the organisation (self and may be subject to change).

8. The documents relating to the proposed DCO for the Project will be on display at the above locations and times and available for inspection free of charge from 26 May 2022 until at least 04 August 2022.

9. The Applicant will host public information events to provide opportunities to view the relevant documentation and speak with members of the project team. The details of the events are as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Friday 17 June 2022	Online	11 am – 1 pm
Saturday 25 June 2022	Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ	11 am – 5 pm
Wednesday 29 June 2022	Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR	3 pm – 8 pm
Thursday 30 June 2022	Greatford Village Hall, Corby Rd, Greatford, Stamford PE9 4PP	3 pm – 8 pm
Friday 01 July 2022	Ryhall Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 05 July 2022	Online	6 pm – 8 pm

10. These drop-in events offer an opportunity to find out more about the Applicant's updated proposals. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend our events. A detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our community webinars are available on the Project website ([www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say)). Should any changes to our consultation activities be required, new details will be publicised in line with the methods set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

11. For further information or queries, please call **0808 196 8717** (free of charge), write to **FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm** (free of charge; you do not need a stamp); email [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk) or visit [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk).

#### To obtain copy documents

12. All consultation materials and further details in relation to the Project can be found on the Project website ([www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents)) and will be kept online until at least 04 August 2022. These will be free to read, download and print.

13. A full set of consultation documents can also be provided free of charge on USB upon request to the Applicant.

14. Additional hard copies of the PEIR can be provided at a cost of £350 per copy. All other consultation documents can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request.

#### Have your say

15. Feedback can be provided through the Applicant's website at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say).

16. Feedback forms will also be available to collect at public information events and at the aforementioned public locations (CAPs), to download from the Project website, and be issued upon request. Completed feedback forms can be emailed or posted back to the Applicant at the details provided, or submitted at the public information events.

17. Any responses to or other representation in respect of the Project should be sent to the Applicant by email to [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk) or by post (free of charge) to FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

18. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO **must** (i) be received by the Applicant **on or before Thursday 04 August 2022**, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, and (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation.

19. The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received during this time before submitting its application for a DCO. Responses and representations will form the basis of a Consultation Report, and therefore may become public. Personal details will be held securely and solely for purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, DCO process and further development of the Project. Outside of these purposes the Applicant may be required to provide personal details if the Planning Inspectorate requests original responses. Otherwise, personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties. For further details please see our Privacy Notice at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/privacy-policy-gdpr](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/privacy-policy-gdpr). A hard copy of the privacy notice can be provided upon request at the contact details below.



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## **11.6 LAND INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **11.6.1 LAND INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**



## Mallard Pass Solar Farm

### Land Interest Questionnaire ('LIQ')

***This is a Land Interest Questionnaire ('LIQ') served on behalf of Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd ('the Applicant') and relates to the Land and Property as shown on the attached plan(s)***

*The information requested is required in connection with the proposed application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the construction, maintenance and operation of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm ('the Project')*

*The Applicant requires details of all parties holding a legal interest in the Land as part of statutory obligations for the format and content of the application for a DCO and to ensure that everybody who has an interest in the Land is given the opportunity to comment during the pre-application consultation and when the proposed application for a DCO is submitted.*

#### **PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.**

*Ardent Management Limited will process your personal information in this questionnaire in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.*

*We kindly request that you complete the attached form and return it using the pre-paid envelope provided or via email. It would be helpful if you were able to provide the information within **14 days**.*

*This information is solely for the purpose of identifying landowners and occupiers and is not intended, by any party, to confer any right/interest in the nature of a tenancy or exclusive possession or occupation of the Land and gives no proprietary interest in the Land to the Applicants.*

***Additional information can be written on the reverse of the last sheet if necessary.***



**1. Details of the person(s) or organisation having an interest in the land or property shown on the attached plan(s). For example, this could be that you own or lease the property, occupy the property or have a right over the land. Please complete your details:**

- If the interest is in your name, please provide:

Title & Full Name:

Home Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Address for service of notices  
if different to address above:

- If the interest is in a Registered Company or incorporated body, please provide:

Full Name of Company:

Registered/Principal Office  
Address and Company  
Number:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Address for service of notices  
if different to address above:

- If you are an executor, trustee, partner etc, please state the capacity in which your interest is held and any collective name:

E.g. Executor / Trustee /  
Partner etc

- Please give full names and addresses of all other individuals in a similar position:

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Address for service of notices  
if different to address above:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**2. Nature of your Tenure concerning the property shown on the attached plan(s):  
(If joint please list other parties in question 16)**

See attached notes 2(a) to (d)    **Single Owner or**                      **Joint Owner (please list other parties in question 16)**

- (a) **Freehold**
- (b) **Leasehold**
- (c) **Tenancy**

(d) Other (Please state): .....

.....

- Trading Name (if applicable):.....

**3. If the interest in Question 2 is freehold, leasehold or a tenancy, does it include the whole of the property (building and/or land)?**

**Yes / No**

If only part, please describe (or mark on the plan)?

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**4. If you are not the freeholder, please provide the name and address of the freeholder:**

Full Name:

Address:



Telephone:

E-mail Address:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**5. If you are a leaseholder:**

- (i) What is the term of the lease? *(if known)* .....
- (ii) What date did the lease commence? *(if known)* .....

**6. If you are a tenant, what is the period of your tenancy?**

**Weekly / Fortnightly / Quarterly / Annual / Other**

If other, please provide details

.....

**7. Does the person or organisation named in Question 1 occupy the premises?**

**Yes / No**

Please list the names and addresses of **ALL OTHER** occupiers together with the nature of their tenure including all persons aged 18 years and over *(or who will be 18 years within the next 12 months)*.

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Relationship to person /  
organisation identified in  
Question 1 above:

Nature of Tenure (See Question  
2 for examples):

E-mail Address:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*



**8. Does the person or organisation named in Question 1 enjoy any rights, easements or other legal interest over any adjacent or other property?**

**Yes / No / Don't Know**

If yes please give details below:

Address of property:

Nature of interest:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**9. Does anybody in any adjacent or other property enjoy any rights, easements or other legal interest over this property?**

**Yes / No / Don't Know**

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Nature of interest:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**10. Is the property subject to any restrictive covenant(s)?**

**Yes / No / Don't Know**

If yes please give details below:

Details of Restrictive  
Covenants:

Land/person having the  
benefit of the covenant(s):

Address:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**11. Attached plan(s):**

- If the attached plan shows the extent of your interest correctly, please sign one copy of the plan and return that signed copy with your completed questionnaire.
- If the attached plan shows the extent of your interest incorrectly, please amend it (to show where it is wrong) and sign one copy of the mark-up plan) and return it with your completed questionnaire.
- Please also show, or inform us of, any other land (including land owned by someone else) over which you consider you have rights of use, enjoy easements or other private rights.
- Please also show the extent of your land over which you consider others have rights of use, enjoy easements or have any other rights over your land.

**12. Are there any tenancies or licences in respect of hoardings, poster sites, showcases, vending machines, kiosks, etc on the land?**

**Yes / No**

If yes please give name(s), address(es), type(s) and the nature of the interest:

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Type:

Nature of interest:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**13. Is the property subject to any mortgage or equitable interest?**

**Yes / No**

If yes please provide name(s), address(es) and the nature of the interest:

Full Name:

Address:

Mortgage Reference:

E-mail Address:

Nature of interest:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**14. Are there any managing or letting agents connected with the property?**

**Yes / No**

If yes please provide name(s), address(es) and the nature of the interest:

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Type:

E-mail Address:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**15. Please describe the current use and features of the property (e.g., residential – house, flat, yard, garden; commercial – offices, premises, industrial works, car park; agricultural land, woodland, grassland, allotment; etc) and any postal address:**

Current use and features of  
the property:

FULL Postal Address:

**16. Are there any other individuals or organisations with an interest in the property, not disclosed above?**

**Yes / No**

If yes please provide name(s), address(es) and the nature of the interest:



Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Nature of interest:  
(See Question 2 for examples)

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**17. Are there any other individuals or organisations currently negotiating or in the process of purchasing your interest in the property, or any other interest in the property?**

**Yes / No**

If yes please provide name(s), address(es) and details of the current situation:

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Details of the current  
situation:

*If necessary please continue on a separate sheet*

**18. Please supply details of the person to whom any additional enquiries may be directed if necessary:**

Contact Name: .....

Tel No(s): .....

.....

E-mail Address: .....



**The information on the questionnaire is both complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge (subject to corrections identified on the plan):**

**Name** (please print): .....

**Position:** .....

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Tel No.:** ..... **E-mail Address:** .....

Please complete the Land Interest Questionnaire ('LIQ') with as much detail as possible and return your completed Questionnaire to **Ardent** (along with the marked-up copy of the plan(s)) using the pre-paid envelope provided.

**Please do this within 14 days** of the date on which you received the Questionnaire.

Alternatively, you can return the completed LIQ by e-mail to **MallardPass@ardent-management.com**

Or request an interactive copy of the LIQ, which can be completed on a computer, saved and returned via email.





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## NOTES on completing the QUESTIONNAIRE

*All information provided is governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Any information provided will only be used for legitimate purposes.*

**Please use BLOCK CAPITALS throughout.**

**If you need more space, please use the back of the form or another sheet of paper.**

**Where options are provided, please delete or circle as appropriate.**

**Please return the completed questionnaire using the prepaid envelope provided.**

If you require any help with completing the questionnaire please contact:  
the **Land Referencing Team** on **MallardPass@ardent-management.com** and **07824 113520**.

### The Questionnaire

#### **Question 1**

- a) Please give the full name of the person who, or organisation which has a legal interest in the property.
- b) For Limited Companies, please supply the company number, the registered office address and telephone number. Place of registration would normally be 'England and Wales', but may be Scotland, Isle of Man, Jersey, etc.
- c) For other corporate bodies, please supply corporate title, address and telephone number of the principal office.
- d) For individuals and partners, trustees, governors or similar executive positions, please supply full names (including all forenames), home address, telephone numbers and where applicable the collective title of each group or organisation. An additional sheet may be used if required.
- e) If a separate or additional address is preferred as an 'address for service' for the receipt of legal notices and documentation, please provide this.

## Question 2

- a) If you legally own the land and property outright and do not pay any rent, then you are the freeholder.
- b) If you have an agreement to use or occupy the property for a specific duration, then you probably have a lease or tenancy, e.g. for six months, for one year, for seven years (or for a longer or a shorter term), or for 99 years or for 999 years.
- c) Same as above.
- d) The other types of legal interest in land (including property) might comprise holders of privileges or matrimonial rights. If you are unsure about the nature of your interest, please contact the **Land Referencing Team** on **MallardPass@ardent-management.com** and **07824 113520**.

## Questions 8 & 9

If you have a legal right to use another person's land for a particular purpose, e.g. a right to walk through your neighbour's land to gain access to your property, then you have an easement/right. Easements are legal rights which give the legal owner of one piece of land the right to use a defined portion of another person's land. Utilities companies often have easements that allow them to run pipes or phone lines beneath private property. Other examples of easements may relate to drains, power, or rights of way. In most cases easements are attached to the land itself, not the landowners, so that when land is bought or sold, the easement which relates to that land remains with the land.

## Question 10

If the property is subject to restrictive covenants, i.e. restriction preventing some action on or use of the land, e.g. a requirement not to make any alterations to the land; or a restriction on operating as commercial premises, without obtaining the consent of 'the beneficiary'.

## Question 11

- a) If no plans have been provided, question 11 can be ignored.
- b) If plans are attached, there should be two copies, showing a pink shaded area in which we understand you may have a legal interest
- c) One copy is for your information and retention, whilst the other copy is to be used to confirm the extents of the pink shaded area or to amend the pink shaded area on the plan if the extents are incorrect. Please keep one copy and return the other to **Ardent**.
- d) Particular attention should be paid to situations such as rights or other benefits which have a different extent to that of the property itself, such as rights to use fire escapes, other accesses or car parks. Please also provide these details, if relevant to you.

**Question 12**

Please list all tenancies and licences (formal agreement to use or occupy the land).

**Question 13**

Please list all mortgagees and equitable interests.

Equitable Interests

Rights in or over land which fail to qualify as legal rights may take effect as equitable interests; therefore estates, interests, and charges in or over land which are not legal estates are referred to as equitable interests. Examples of equitable interests include:

- a) **Option to purchase** (The right to buy a property at a given price within a specific period of time).
- b) **Contract to purchase** (A contract the buyer initiates which details the purchase price and conditions of the transaction and is accepted by the seller. Also known as an agreement for sale).
- c) **Beneficiary of a trust** (A trust is a relationship whereby a party called a trustee holds property, either real or personal, for the benefit of other parties or persons, or for some purpose permitted by law).
- d) **Wherever the legal owner(s) of property can be compelled to hold that property for the benefit of the equitable owner(s).** Where groups of individuals are concerned, a person may be both a legal and an equitable owner. For example, a man may own a house and hold it for the benefit of himself and his wife (or a wife for her husband).
- e) **Legal rights in a property that do not include the right to sell its legal title.** This may apply to a mortgage lender.

**Question 16**

If you hold a joint interest in common with another party or parties, please provide details of all other parties.

**Question 18**

- a) Sometimes it is necessary to make further enquiries as a result of new information or changes to the plans for the project. Please provide the name and telephone number of the individual(s) whom we should contact.
- b) If a third party (a solicitor, for example) has been instructed to complete this questionnaire on behalf of the person with an interest in the property, please supply written confirmation of that fact.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why have two sets of documents been issued for the same land?**

It is essential that everyone believed to have an interest in land is contacted individually, relationships cannot be assumed between interested parties and their current status. However, if you can confirm the other parties' interests & sign on their behalf you only need to return one set of documents, if you include a note explaining this.

Does this letter mean my land/property will be subject to compulsory purchase?

No, the letter and questionnaire is issued to collect and validate contact and property information regarding land owners we believe to be within close proximity of the proposed project, to keep records up to date ahead of the application of the project and ensures that information is correct in order to keep parties updated with project proposals and any further project consultation(s).



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## 11.6.2 LAND INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE COVERING LETTER



Our Reference: <Ref>

<Name>  
<Address>

Date: <Date>

Dear <Salutation>,

### **Mallard Pass Solar Farm – Land Interest Questionnaire ('LIQ')**

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd is proposing a new solar farm partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. The vision for the proposed development, known as Mallard Pass Solar Farm ('Mallard Pass'), is to support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.

The proposals for Mallard Pass have an anticipated potential output from the solar array of over 50 MW. Accordingly, it will be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and must comply with the Development Consent Order (DCO) regime as defined in the Planning Act 2008 ('2008 Act').

In preparation for the upcoming statutory consultation, Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd are seeking to identify all parties who hold an interest in or rights over land which may potentially be affected by the development of the Project. The team is looking to reference any land that may potentially be affected for a range of reasons, such as being adjacent to public highway being used for the Project. This process is known as Land Referencing and enables Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd to ensure that those parties holding interests in relevant land or property can be consulted appropriately, over the coming months, on the proposals for the Project.

For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that you are being sent this LIQ does not necessarily mean that development related to the Mallard Pass Solar Farm is taking place on your land. For full details please refer to the project website (see below).

Further details on the project are available at:  
<https://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/>

If you have any general queries relating to this work or the Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd project, you can contact members of the project team by emailing [info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk](mailto:info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk), calling 0808 196 8717, or writing to 'FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm'.

**Ardent Management Limited** ('Ardent') has been instructed to act on behalf of Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd to undertake this Land Referencing exercise.

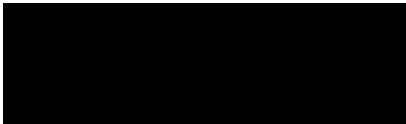




This letter and the enclosed Land Interest Questionnaire ('LIQ') are part of this identification process as we need to identify details of any other freeholders, leaseholders, tenants, occupiers and parties with other interests (such as rights of access, easements etc.) in your land.

We would therefore be grateful if you could please complete the enclosed LIQ form with as much detail as possible and return to **Ardent** (along with any marked-up plans you may have available) using the pre-paid envelope provided within **14 days**. If you require any assistance with completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact **Ardent** using the details provided below. You can also provide information via email if this is easier.

**Oscar Barton**  
**MallardPass@ardent-management.com**  
**Mobile: 07824 113520**



Oscar Barton

**Ardent Management Limited** ('Ardent') on behalf of **Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited**

*Any details you provide will be held securely by Ardent in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 – please see the accompanying GDPR Statement.*



### 11.6.3 LAND INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE CHASER LETTER



Our Reference: «Reference»

Date: <Date>

Dear «Salutation»,

**Mallard Pass Solar Farm – Land Interest Questionnaire ('LIQ')**

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We previously wrote to you on the XXX requesting this information. We would be grateful if you could please complete the enclosed LIQ with as much detail as possible and return to **Ardent** (along with any marked-up plans you may have available) using the pre-paid envelope provided as soon as possible. If you require any assistance with completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact **Ardent** using the details provided below. You can also provide information via email if this is easier.

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Yours faithfully,

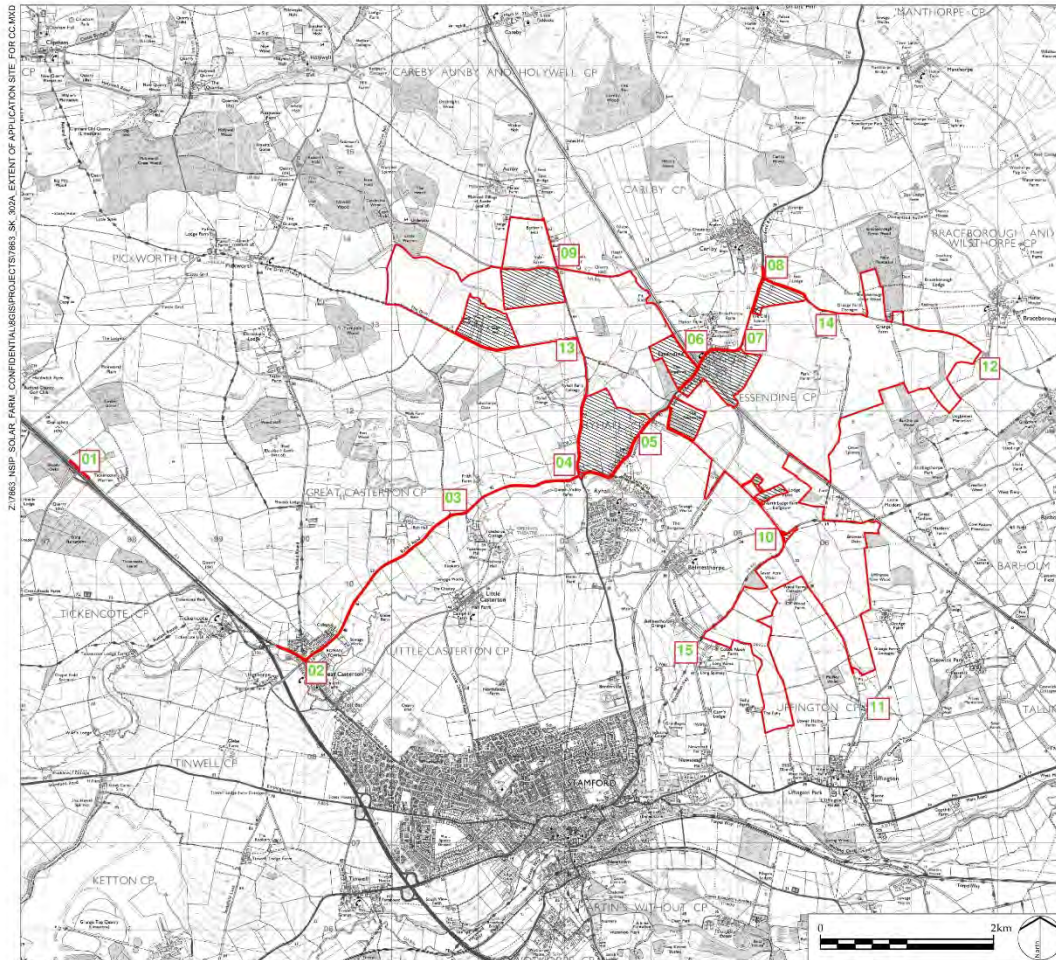
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## **11.7 MAP OF LOCATIONS OF SECTION 48 SITE NOTICES IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**



**LEGEND**

- Site boundary
- Areas outside of Site Boundary

**LD A DESIGN**

PROJECT TITLE  
**MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM**

DRAWING TITLE  
**Extent of Application Site in accordance with Regulation 4(3)(d) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended)**

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DATE	May 2022	DRAWN AG
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#### Appendix 12: Elected Members Distribution List

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## **12. ELECTED MEMBERS' DISTRIBUTION LIST**

### **12.1 INTRODUCTION**

12.1.1. This Appendix comprises Table 12-1, which sets out the full list of locally elected representatives consulted regarding the Proposed Development.

## 12.2 TABLE 12-1 ELECTED MEMBERS DISTRIBUTION LIST

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
Member of Parliament	MP	Alicia Kearns
Member of Parliament	MP	Gareth Davies
Bainton and Ashton Parish Council		
Barholm and Stowe Parish Meeting		
Barnack Parish Council		
Baston Parish Council		
Bourne Town Council		
Braceborough and Wilsthorpe Parish Council		
Careby, Aunby and Holywell Parish Meeting		
Carlby Parish Council		
Castle Bytham Parish Council		
Essendine Parish Council		
Great Casterton Parish Council		
Greatford Parish Council		
Langtoft Parish Council		
Little Bytham Parish Council		
Little Casterton Parish Council		
Pickworth Parish Meeting		
Ryhall Parish Council		
Stamford Town Council		
Tallington Parish Council		

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
Thurlby and Obthorpe Parish Council		
Toft, Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council		
Uffington Parish Council		
West Deeping Parish Council		
Witham on the Hill Parish Council		
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Bob Adams
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Colin John Davie
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Daniel McNally
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Lindsey Ann Cawrey
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Martin John Hill OBE
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Patricia Anne Bradwell OBE
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Philip Maurice Dilks
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Richard David Butroid
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Richard James Cleaver
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Richard Graham Davies
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Thomas James George Dyer
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Susan Woolley
Lincolnshire County Council	Cllr	Wendy Bowkett
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Alan Walters
Rutland County Council	Cllr	David Wilby
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Edward Baines
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Gale Waller
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Gordon Brown
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Ian Razzell

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Katherine Ayton
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Karen Payne
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Lucy Stephenson
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Nick Begy
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Oliver Hemsley
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Richard Coleman
Rutland County Council	Cllr	Rick Wilson
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Adam Stokes
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Amanda Wheeler
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Annie Mason
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Ashley Baxter
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Barry Dobson
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Breda-Rae Griffin
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	David Bellamy
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Dr Peter Moseley
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Gloria Johnson
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Harrish Bisnauthsing

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Helen Crawford
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	John Dawson
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Kelham Cooke
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Matthew Lee
South Kesteven District Council	Cllr	Nick Robins







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#### Appendix 13: Ongoing Community Engagement (04 August 2022 – 24 November 2022)

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## **13. ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (26 MAY 2022 -24 NOVEMBER 2022)**

### **13.1 INTRODUCTION**

13.1.1 This Appendix presents information and materials regarding the Applicant's ongoing community engagement in relation to the Proposed Development, i.e. community engagement occurring following the close of the Stage Two Statutory Consultation.

13.1.2 This Appendix comprises the following information and documentation:

- Letter to Alicia Kearns MP (16 September 2022);
- Letter to Gareth Davies MP (16 September 2022);
- Letter to Lincolnshire County Council, Rutland County Council, South Kesteven District Council; and Peterborough City Council (16 September 2022);
- Letter to Parish Councils (16 September 2022); and
- Letter to Mallard Pass Action Group (16 September 2022).

## **13.2 LETTER TO ALICIA KEARNS MP (16 SEPTEMBER 2022)**

**info@mallardpassolar.co.uk**

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**From:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Sent:** 16 September 2022 14:15  
**To:** 'KEARNS, Alicia'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@ment.uk  
**Subject:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm: Upcoming Onsite Survey Works Update  
**Attachments:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm\_Survey Works\_160922.pdf

Dear Alicia Kearns MP,

Please find a letter for your attention on behalf of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm team attached.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact us at the details provided below should you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards,

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Dear Gareth Davies MP,

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**13.4 LETTER TO LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL; RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL; SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL; AND PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL (16 SEPTEMBER 2022)**

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**To:** info@mallardpassolar.co.uk  
**Subject:** Mallard Pass Solar Farm: Upcoming Onsite Survey Works Update  
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Dear Councillor,

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