



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)

Project name:	Mallard Pass Solar Project
Address/Location:	Land at Mallard Pass, to the immediate south, east and west of Essendine and approximately 800m east of Ryhall, at OS grid reference TF052115.
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	EN010127

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	Mallard Pass Solar Farm Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report')
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which will comprise the construction, operation and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility exceeding 50-megawatt (MW) output capacity. The installed capacity of the solar generation is expected to be in the order of 350MW. The Proposed Development will also comprise a single primary substation that will include electrical infrastructure such as the transformers, switchgear and metering equipment required to facilitate the export of electricity from the Proposed Development to the National Grid.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.
Date: 31/05/2022
Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:

The Environmental Statement (Document Reference 6.1)
Environmental Statement Appendix 7.1: Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (Document Reference 6.2)

The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 26/01/2023

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>