

In the context of the cost of living crisis, and given that Rishi Sunak has stated that food security is now one of his major priorities, it seems even more ridiculous that Mallard Pass should destroy a huge swathe of arable (and now more valuable) farmland. Regarding the wildlife in the area, we're told there will be gates for the animals to negotiate and tracks for them to make their way around the solar panels. Quite apart from this requiring the wildlife to change their habits and instincts, there is absolutely NO plan to protect them during the build. This build will take months, but more likely years. Years of roadworks, hold ups, traffic jams, in order to construct something that is becoming old technology with questionable efficiency. Then, when it reaches the end of its life there is no plan to return it to farmland. There is NO plan to dismantle and dispose of it, something which will likely be impossible due to the exorbitant cost of doing so. It will be left to rot and become derelict.

This site cannot go ahead, not only because it deprives us of our beloved countryside forever, but because it is a product of the government's ill-thought out net zero capitulation. How can anyone justify decimating the countryside before consideration of all brown field and industrial sites have been exhausted. Disused airfields being a case in point - the bigger ones even have necessary sub-stations nearby!

This proposal cannot and should not go ahead!