

I oppose the development of Mallard Pass Solar Farm for the following reasons:

There have been allegations made in the Times newspaper (31st May 2023) that the manufacture of Canadian Solar's panels may be linked to slavery which is deeply worrying.

Any calculation of saving of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere by generation of electricity in this way will be offset by total carbon emissions of construction the array.

Environmental contamination along the chain for the manufacture of both the solar panels and the batteries for the array must be taken into account as must the environmental costs of decommissioning.

This is agricultural land and should be used as such, especially as global food security is further threatened by recent serious developments in the war in Ukraine.

Environmental pressures on wild spaces will be increased. Canadian Solar say they will improve connectivity of habitats and improve biodiversity and wild areas. We should be able to do this without the contrasting negative effect of having a huge solar array intruding in our countryside.

Local disruption and very real road safety issues during the building of the structure are a huge concern. These issues will not affect those at Head Office of Canadian Solar but they will hugely affect local people.

Harm to local tourism and related businesses is inevitable if it goes ahead.

Reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in this way will cause so many harms to the lives of local people and to wild habitats that it is clear to me that it is not the way forward.

I register my opposition to the plans.