

Having read many of the written submissions by people who will be directly impacted by Mallard Pass my opposition to the scheme has only intensified.

1. Neither the plan or the impact it will have on the local community has been properly thought through and understood.
2. The way this project has been presented to the local community has been disingenuous and deliberately misleading. We live within Section 1 (Ryhall Heath) of the plan and in the original submission it was stated that inspectors working for the developers had evaluated the impact it would have on us. On further investigation it was clear that they had never been and only met with us at our request and I have heard of many other such examples of duplicitous behaviour.
3. Good quality agricultural land that has produced cereals over centuries should not be re-purposed in this way particularly at a time when the country should be making itself less reliant on imports more reliant on domestic production. That is a matter of National Security.
4. Rutland is the smallest county in the UK and it is entirely wrong that it should host one of the largest Solar Farms in the UK. The acreage given to Solar Farms in each county across the UK as a percentage of the whole will be massively exceeded if this project goes ahead and there can be no justification for that. The people of Rutland stand to gain absolutely nothing from this project which seems a poor reward for the loss of their environment.
5. Rutland is an intensely rural county with almost no public amenities other than the countryside itself. Recreational activity is therefore limited to walking, cycling and riding amongst it and this project will take all of that away which is the reason people CHOOSE to live here.
6. The disruption that would be caused during construction has clearly not been adequately considered. Taking the junction at Great Casterton as just one example it is impossible not to understand the chaos and danger that will be created as children from 3 schools are dropped off/collected while construction traffic forces its way through - I thought we lived in the age of Health and Safety!
7. Our MP, Alicia Kearns, has produced damning evidence about Canadian Solar work with companies manufacturing components used within its Solar Panels. Denial followed by more denial and then an in depth enquiry should ring alarm bells.
8. The advertised output from Mallard Pass does not pass scrutiny and it is very unlikely to achieve it's targeted output at any point during it's lifetime as is ably illustrated by the submission from Joseph Henry Stainsby - a local resident.
9. It now appears that land could be compulsorily purchased in order to make the scheme viable. This was never mentioned in the earlier consultation and nor is it appropriate to compulsorily purchase good quality agricultural land to remove it from the food chain, particularly at a time the country should be producing more food and importing less. The fact is that this land will provide a more consistent agricultural yield than it ever could as a source of energy.

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This proposal should not go ahead - there is no justification for destroying the environment that people have chosen to make their home or for taking agricultural land out of food production in order to turn it over for energy production that is unlikely EVER to meet the output that is being suggested.