

We are writing to strongly oppose your plan for the Mallard solar farm for the reasons listed below:

Flooding; the ground underneath the solar panels will not be able to absorb water and hence there will be additional runoff. We do not know where this water will go. We do already know that the our area has a flooding issues and that amount of infrastructure into the ground will shift surface water towards our houses.

Landscape Character; It is in effect a major industrial development and is not in keeping with its surroundings in terms of scale or character. Therefore it does not comply with local policy (development in the countryside) which says that developments must not have an adverse effect on the appearance or character of the landscape.

Visual Amenity; It would severely impact on the visual amenity of the recreation ground which is a public space widely used by residents young and old. The attractive link between the village and the countryside would be destroyed by the installation of the solar panels, associated equipment & fencing. This loss will affect the whole community in some way or other.

Solar panel contain toxic materials that can leach out as they break down and create new environmental hazard.

These are not the only concerns. There is more issues which some of these arise from the uniqueness of the location so close to where the community lives, walk , breathe and enjoy the beauty of the countryside.

Solar's panels should be installed on the roof of our houses not destroy our farms and landscapes.