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Dear Sirs

I strongly object to the proposed Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

I moved to Braceborough over 17 years ago in part because of the beautiful landscape and the biodiversity.

I do not want to walk, cycle, run or drive past solar panels that are up to 3.3m high and to have our landscape blighted by an industrial landscape, let alone the provision for up to 400 workers a day on site during construction.

I have major concerns about access to the site because of security fencing and the extreme environmental damage this will cause to wildlife. Construction will throw up dust causing air pollution, security lighting will create light pollution, continual humming from substations and other equipment will give rise to noise pollution, added to the road safety issues that the site traffic will cause. Another risk is battery storage, proven to be dangerous, this has been omitted from your proposal "at this time" – will it be added later or by the next owner/purchaser of Mallard Pass?

I see no benefits whatsoever for local residents; to say there will be 2.9 miles of new permissive pathways is insulting – these are not public rights of way and the public do not have a legal right to use them; the landowner is within their rights to withdraw the access to this land at any time. One of the proposed permissive paths (West Glen River) is an area that floods easily – this will make the path impassable.

We may have a cost of energy crisis, but we also have a food production crisis, and the proposal uses 53% BMV land. This is contrary to the Government Food Strategy Policy paper published in June 2022, where the aim is to maintain agricultural production.

In conclusion, I strongly object to the Mallard Pass Solar Farm application.

Yours,

Elizabeth Kentish

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