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I wish to state my opposition to this project . Please see attached bot previous and new documents which have been reinforced as the detailed nature of the project has become apparent

## **Mallard Pass Solar Farm Application**

### **Comments on the Examining Authority questions**

Apologies if these comments are not referenced to specific questions as the questions often covered the same topic but from a different perspective.

**Hedgerows do not need to be removed** for cable runs as access can be derived by sub-surface horizontal drilling.

**It should be mandatory for all site access to include site exit wheel washing** to prevent contamination of the local minor roads

**Construction hours.** The suggested 07.00-19.00 Monday to Saturday will create excessive traffic flows in the early morning and late evening, disrupting the lives of local residents. 8.00- 17.00 is acceptable

**Closure of local roads.** No mention is made of temporary or long term closure of local roads which seems highly likely during the site access construction period

**Soil Mounds** – the lack of definition as to location and size of these ‘mounds’ makes it impossible to determine their impact which may be significant

**Change Interventions** – the indeterminate nature of these during the project lifetime is of great concern as it leaves the developer with carte blanche for works interfering with the local community

**Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)**- the questions relating to Articles 9 13 to 44 give the impression that the developer is determined to undermine the normal legal processes whether it be for Compulsory Acquisition or formal Consultation

**Archaeology** – seems to be given scant thought by the developers. Yet the area is rich in Roman and Anglo Saxon heritage

**Carlby Village** seems to be ignored as being subject to impact by this development BUT its East access road runs by and through the development site and should through its Parish Council be part of the Traffic Management Group.

## Mallard Pass Solar Farm

I write to put forward my objections to the proposed Solar farm .

1. The unacceptable Industrialisation of **productive farm land** - given the recent food shortage and price escalation caused by world politics, it is inexcusable to turn any productive land into an industrial site when there are thousands of acres/hectares of brownfield sites available throughout the country. Available space equivalent to all the current proposed solar farms in the UK is available on the roofs of industrial buildings throughout England. **The CPRE** has calculated that if **all** existing industrial buildings were retro-fitted with solar it would provide **36% of the UK energy needs**. What is required is the political will to implement a policy of retro fit of solar and make mandatory solar installation on all new buildings, both commercial and domestic.
2. **Damage to countryside**. Both wildlife habitats and quality human lives will be reduced from fencing and height of solar panels . The fact that mitigating measures are suggested confirms that damage to the existing natural habitat will be incurred. Animals will not be able to traverse the area as before and the joys and benefits on mental health from walking in the countryside by residents of the area will be affected visually due to the height of fencing and solar panels. Also the sound from the inverter containers will destroy the peace of the countryside and impact on residents.
3. **Local community** – will be affected by an increased risk of flooding, harm to the local economy due to reduced tourism and lower house prices. All with no benefit to locals .
4. **Construction traffic** will cause significant impact on residents' safety along with noise, dust and pollution and the proposed route passing several schools. This will be a significant problem for 2 years during construction and again during decommissioning.
5. It is believed that the production of Canadian Solar solar panels and associated controls involves the use of [REDACTED]