

I am an enthusiastic supporter of action on climate change, and alternative fuels, and I welcome the wind generators that are so suited to the East Anglian landscape. I am also in favour of Solar Power, even though it is far less efficient than wind turbines, provided they are suitably sited and of a proportionate size. This proposed development is neither. The Mallard Pass proposal, the largest ever in the UK would have a devastating impact on the smallest county, the picturesque Rutland which has already sacrificed a huge area of beautiful landscape to the nation's infrastructure when flooded to provide the reservoir at Rutland Water. There, at least, time and nature has allowed the scars to heal and wildlife to return. The Mallard Pass proposal will remain a hideous eyesore for ever and the flora and fauna of the area will never fully recover.

There are plenty of brownfield sites, across the UK, where land pollution means that homes cannot be built, that would be perfect for building solar farms. This is prime agricultural land, perfect for growing crops and raising livestock.

The project will bring no benefit to the local community. It will not bring more affordable electricity since consumer prices are based on fossil fuel rates. The developers and their shareholders are the only ones to profit from the difference in those prices greenwashing their greed in the process.

Most of the jobs created will be contractors brought in to construct it. The impact of the construction of the project will be ten times that of finished solar farm. Heavy goods vehicles, traffic congestion noise and mud on such a massive scale will ruin residents lives for several years.

The planning application doesn't include battery storage facilities, even more impactful, yet the project is not viable without them. This suggests another planning application will follow and the Planning Inspectorate will be obliged to accept it.

It is simply too big, and its environmental credentials are a thin cover of greenwash to hide its true intent. To profit from the disparity between the cost of producing solar power and the prices set for consumers based on Gas. \*

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