

My objections to the Mallard Pass Solar Farm are as follows.

The scale of the project. It is over 2000 acres over prime quality agricultural land.

It is the size of 1400 football pitches and would be eight times the size of the current largest solar plant of 250 acres.

How can it make sense to build the country's largest solar farm in the smallest county?

It is clearly all centred around the access to the sub station in Ryhall. It may be make business and commercial sense to those who stand to gain financially but for those who live here it spells nothing but disaster and heartache.

Whilst greener resources are to be commended, there is also a need to be producing more food for UK consumption.

Since the Ukraine war food prices have soared - surely a greener way of feeding the country is to grow it here especially on fertile land.

Government guidance is clear that energy projects SHOULD NOT BE BUILT ON BMV land.

The application is not convincing in demonstrating that the land will ever return to essential food production.

Additional negative effects will include:

Loss of natural environment. Destruction of beautiful countryside, areas to walk, cycle and horse ride.

Damage to biodiversity A threat to wildlife and wild animals and some rare species.

The infrastructure of our roads are not build to carry heavy machinery required to carry out the building of the plant.

The constant traffic, noise and pollution which will occur during the establishment of the plant.

Surely this is a negative step when trying to reduce carbon emissions.

Disruption to daily life when travelling and the risk to safety of those concerned.

The height of the panels of over eleven feet will not be hidden by hedgerows but will be unsightly blots on the landscape for miles around

Most people are committed to reducing their carbon footprint but this scheme will not achieve it - there are other ways to produce greener energy which would have a lesser detrimental effect on residents lives and wellbeing.

The impact on residents mental and physical health as a result of their local environment being destroyed.

Poor consultation process by the developers. There has been no negotiation or discussion with local people other than at the start when there were badly timed meetings and very poor representation by people who didn't have a clue on how to answer questions or concerns. It was shambolic.

Compulsory acquisitions were not mentioned during the consultation period. What other lies and additions will be forced on residents?

Difficulty in selling houses when living next to or in the middle of a solar farm and subsequent loss of value in property.

Effects on local economy and businesses. There are several small businesses who could suffer from the effects of a reduction in tourism brought by the countryside and wildlife.

Human rights abuses regarding Canadian Solar in some of their supply chains, particularly concerning Uyghurs.

There appear to be more reasons not to build this solar farm than to build it.

I therefore that the planning application for Mallard Pass Solar Farm be declined.