Application by Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mallard Pass Solar Project – project ref. EN010127

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ExQ1 - Responses to ExA's First Written Questions

Q11.0.4 Solar panels are widely recognised as having a life of 25 to 30 years. If the Applicant intends to operate Mallard Pass Solar Farm for a longer period, there would be a need to replace all 530,000 solar panels and, probably the supports. This would be a major undertaking.

Remove, and then re-installing the panels and so on, would require the re-construction of the site. This would involve substantially more traffic than the original construction. It would also have a negative impact on the output of Mallard Pass Solar Farm, a significant impact on any carbon savings, a disruption of habitats and wildlife and, of course, the residents who will be subjected to a considerable upheaval.

In spite of studying the Documentation I have seen no reference by the Applicant to the replacement of panels and the inevitable consequences.