

Executive Summary of SCA Written Representation

Section 1. Introduction

Section 2. Further to Relevant Representation submitted by the Solar Campaign Alliance (SCA) in March, this section details of the lack of compliance of Mallard Pass solar farm with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It also considers the lack of compliance of this application with the agreed commitments of members of the trade association, Solar Energy UK, of which the developers behind Mallard Pass are members.

Section 3. Gives details of the lack of compliance of this application with Government policy more generally.

Section 4. Outlines the SCA's further concerns at the grading of the agricultural land in the scheme and the assumptions made by the applicant.

Section 5. Details concerns about the cumulative impact of Mallard Pass alongside other schemes on the UK's food security, since it represents a loss of a significant amount of high-quality farmland (including what is known as 'BMV').

Section 6. Comments on the sheer number and scale of solar developments on high quality farming land that are currently in the pipeline, and how this will impact the UK's food security. Mallard Pass should be considered in the context of this surge in applications and the cumulative impact of ground-mounted solar schemes on high quality agricultural land across the UK should be taken into account.