

The Planning Inspectorate,
National Infrastructure Planning,
Temple Quay House,
2 The Square,
Bristol,
BS1 6PN.

17th September 2023

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

Dear Sirs,

MPAG would like to bring to your attention our concern about the recent change the Applicant has made regarding the new 60 year time limit to the Proposed Development. We believe this represents a significant material change at a late stage in the Examination, with no qualification given for the time period chosen. Most importantly it means the baselines and assumptions for most of the assessments in the Environmental Statement are invalid and need full reassessment in the light of this new time period.

On another matter concerning the Applicant's response to deadline 4 submissions (REP5-014), MPAG would like the opportunity in the next 'Environmental Matters' hearing to clarify and resolve the outstanding landscape & visual issues with respect to assessment methodology and conclusions drawn. We don't feel there is anything to be gained by repeating certain points in writing, but hope the hearing would offer a facilitated environment to clarify the key points.

We look forward to seeing the agendas for the forthcoming hearings and hope you will be able to provide some clarity about which topics will be covered on which day.

Kind regards,

Sue Holloway
Chair – Mallard Pass Action Group (MPAG)