

Mallard Pass Solar panel farm

Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4)

Date 27.9.2023 By Pauline crampin IP 20033952

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ADDITIONAL NOTES RESPONDING TO APPLICANTS COMMENTS

- All interested parties agreed that not enough archaeological trial trenches had been dug. The applicant complains about the cost of more work but they must take consideration of the massive area they wish to develop and act responsibly, if they can't, they have no right to be leasing the land for such a land changing project.
- The applicants said that the archeological remains would be safer left undisturbed under solar panels rather than under the farmers' plough. This is incorrect because farmers no longer plough deeply because they use new methods of cultivating. This being the light touch of rilling in the old crop to a level of 6-9" leaving it to mulch and then over seeding. This is because it is quicker, cheaper and avoids excessive carbon loss from the soil. The old story of excessive chemical use is also wrong as farmers are heavily restricted by government legislation, more so than a keen gardener.
- It is a complete mystery how the 3.3 metre solar panels will be supported without pile driving down into the soil without damaging archeological remains.
- I also point out that the process of construction implied no damage will be done to the soil structure, will the machinery not run over the said grass or soil which will be compressed by the vehicles weight. How will this be rectified?

- The figure of the security perimeter fence being 22 miles long needs increasing in the light of the fact that some 20 small woods embedded in the site, but not in the Biodiversity net LOSS, will all be fenced. If I understand correctly, there will be over 20 inter- connecting corridors for large mammals such as the deer herds, not to roam freely as they do now but to have right of passage, if they can work it out. These will be danger points for deer damage who have the power to smash a car and so will require fencing. As will all the existing and new right of ways. The whole site will be a crisis cross of fences if the applicant keeps to his word.

Thank you for being such an excellent fair chairperson, we feel you are listening to all sides in this terrible situation. A script of my aural contribution in the meeting is below.

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Dear Examining Office,

Reference to 9b Wednesday morning meeting on 27.9.23

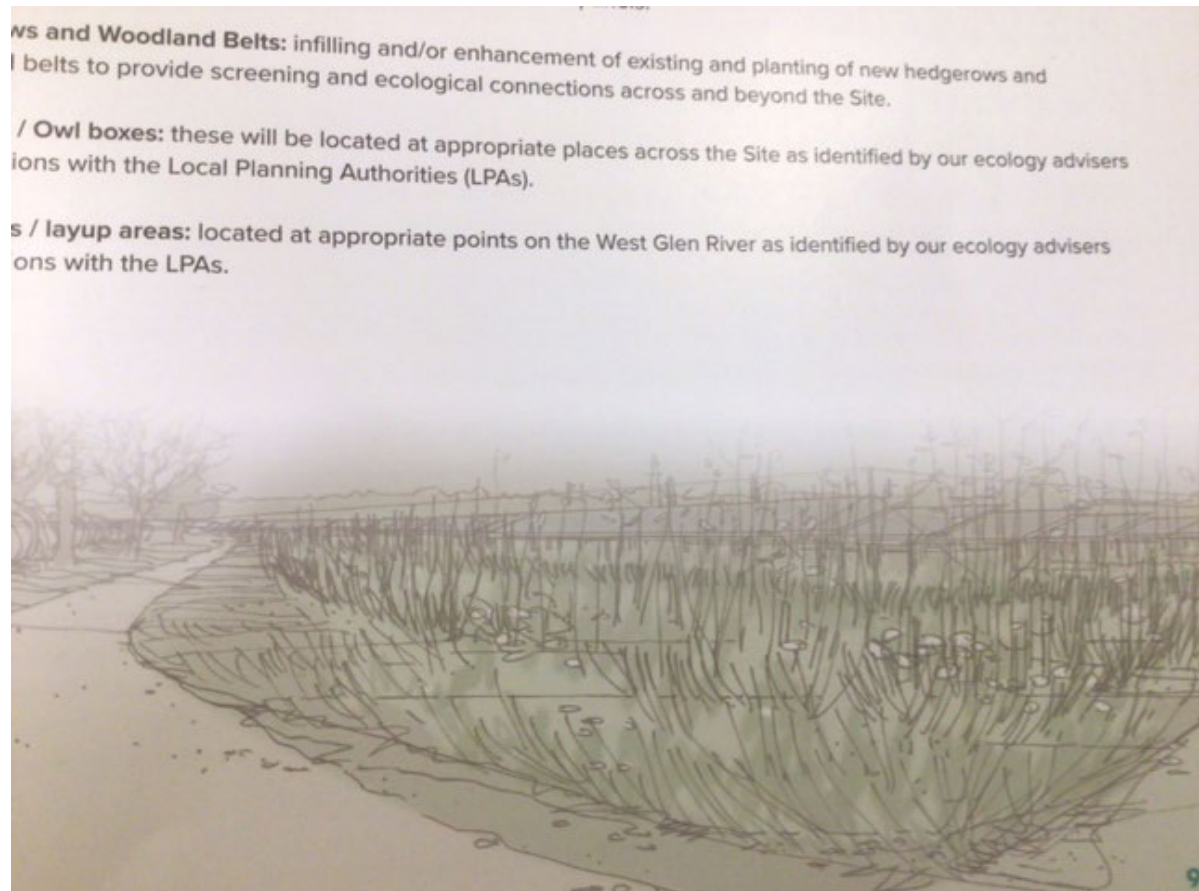
Please display this ineffectual 5year old planting at Ryhall substation when Natural England attempt to tell the locals about the proposed bio diversity net gain. The developers may have the correct number of tree plantings to satisfy the matrix but where is the rich habitat? Should it give them permission to turn 2,000 acres into an industrialise glass scape in Lincolnshire and Rutland. Where is the common sense in such ruination of our countryside?



From: [Pauline Crampin](#)
To: [Mallard Pass Solar](#)
Subject: Developers artist impression of mallardsolar panel farm
Date: 27 September 2023 06:28:12

Dear sir ,
Sorry I failed to sign the photo of Ryhal substation previously sent.
Ref no 8C on agenda for 27.9.23
Please compare developers projected image to the public compared to my painting, which is more truthful.
2 photos to follow

Pauline crampin



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From: [Pauline Crampin](#)
To: [Mallard Pass Solar](#)
Subject: Artists impression of Mallard solar
Date: 27 September 2023 06:36:44

Dear sir,

As the Developers have fail to produce any projected images of what we can expect I thought this would help people visualise the real impact on the beautiful rich environment we have here.

I would be grateful if they could be shown at number 8C on todays agenda.

Many thanks ,

Pauline Crampin





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