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MALLARD PASS SOLAR PROJECT REF: 01027

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – DEADLINE 8 SUBMISSION – 20.10.23

I write with reference to the above and in response to the request for further information dated 18th October 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need clarification on any of the points raised in this response.

Yours sincerely

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Question	SKDC Response
2.b)	<p>One of SKDC's main concerns with the application proposal is the significant loss of agricultural land, including a significant portion of that land being BMV. Both local and national policy support the principle that the loss of BMV should be avoided for solar developments.</p> <p>Although, it is now proposed that the scheme would be time limited for 60 years, this still represents a significant period of time. The loss of agricultural land, including a high proportion of BMV, albeit for a temporary period is a negative impact of the scheme that should be afforded significant weight in the planning balance.</p> <p>The report from Mallard Pass Action Group appears to provide evidence that there could be an even higher proportion of BMV land within the site than has been reported by the applicant. Should that be the case, that would add to SKDC's concern on this point, although the overall conclusion would remain the same. i.e. this is a negative impact of the scheme that should be afforded significant weight in the planning balance.</p>
4.b) and c)	<p>The submitted Flood Risk Assessment was based on an assumed operational lifetime of 40 years. SKDC welcome that further modelling has been undertaken to take account of the now proposed 60 year operational time period.</p> <p>In terms of the conclusions reached following this modelling and any proposed mitigation, SKDC would defer to comments from LCC and RCC (as lead local flood authorities) and the EA.</p>

