

As a resident of Braceborough, and therefore as an interested party to the application, I wish to state that I continue my objection to this application.

I have provided comments previously both as an individual, and as a biodiversity expert on behalf of Mallard Pass Action Group (MPAG).

I reiterate concerns about the biodiversity net churn that will take place over the timescale of the project rather than net gain, and restate that any gain that might be achieved is ****entirely dependent**** on the way in which the mitigation proposals are implemented. As stated on behalf of MPAG at the in person hearings, I am not convinced by the statements of the applicant on the way in which fields will be seeded and managed, and consider there is a likelihood for serious compaction of soils. Such compaction and soil disturbance will impact the opportunity to establish grassland under panels, plus I consider, as a biodiversity expert, that there is a high likelihood of serious nutrient run-off from piling arisings and cutting only every second year. The applicant is simply incorrect to state that their management will not lead to any worse nutrient run-off than currently exists, as an agricultural crop is removed currently, thereby removing growth from the fields, whereas not removing arisings from cutting fields will lead to more nutrients remaining than at present.

As a resident I am also concerned about landscape scale impacts, glint and glare, and loss of amenity.

In short, this is the wrong project for the location proposed.