

Carlby Parish Council final response

Carlby Parish Council are supportive of well executed, local green initiatives but we feel that the Mallard Pass Solar Installation is not one of them. If approved we feel it would never achieve the political ambitions of carbon neutral energy.

During the process of this application we have continued to engage with residents of Carlby who are in the majority against this project on the following grounds:

- Mallard Pass will turn a local, gently undulating arable countryside into a mass industrial landscape.
- This proposal will harm our local wildlife habitat, with fencing disrupting natural wildlife corridors.
- Footpaths and our well-loved and well used bridle ways which are used for the main recreation of Carlby resident will be blighted.
- Highly likely to increase the risk of flooding in the immediate areas where residents and families go about their business and recreation.
- The block nature of the proposed arrays and their size will dominate the countryside surrounding the village
- The construction of the site and its on going maintenance will impact residents, some for their lifetime.
- The ethical and environmental concerns in the construction of the solar panels along with the long-distance transport of these panels from the country of manufacture along with the problems the decommissioning process.
- Concerns of potential that continued expansion of the site may occur
- Mitigation areas ignored or not maintained to a high standard to lessen impact of the solar arrays
- Restoration never taking place due to the financial collapse of the industry
- The fact that the land proposed for solar panels will not be viable again to grow food on is of deep concern with food security.

As a small rural village with very few facilities, as found in larger urban areas, this development will remove a vast area of visual amenity being the main and only facility available for the residents to indulge in whilst walking and cycling in and around the area.

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