

Being a resident of Essendine and a person that will be affected if the Mallard Pass Solar Farm is given the green light I am concerned to see that at this late stage in the decision making process that Mallard Pass have failed to provide satisfactory updates and responses to certain issues.

One issue is the cabling route for the scheme. As an Essendine resident I will be affected by the substantial road works and associated noise that would occur if the route was along the A6121 through the village but as yet no decision has yet been made by Mallard Pass as to whether this option will be taken despite deadlines being missed . The Secretary of State needs the certainty of the cabling route to make a correct decision on the application.

Also on Highways Agreements these were meant to have been agreed with Rutland County Council and Lincolnshire County Council by the end of the Examination process and they were not and indeed they are still outstanding just days before the SOS has to make the decision on the application. The impact on Highways during construction of the solar farm will be significant. However the cumulative impact on Highways also needs to take into account the impact of potential large scale housing developments planned in the area namely Quarry Park and the Stamford North Development. This has not been done by Mallard Pass.

Also have Mallard Pass obtained the licences for Great Crested Newts that have been found on the proposed site. It appears unclear as to whether they have.

I also understand that Mallard Pass have provided information on a possible Community Benefit Fund but this was never highlighted during the consultation stage. Indeed no amount of compensation would cover the huge disruption that this Solar Farm would cause. The SOS needs to look at the canage that is occurring during the present construction of Cleeve Hill/Project Fortress- flooding/noise and the total destruction of a once wildlife site of beauty.

The instances above just prove that Mallard Pass have failed to keep to requests and deadlines- not good bearing in mind that Mallard Pass is a huge project. How many other failings would Mallard Pass create going forward if the project was given the green light