

Thank you for this final opportunity to write in regards to Mallard Pass Solar Farm. In response to the points in which we can respond to, I would like to note the following:

Cabling Route

I note that the Applicant requests a choice of options for the cabling routing but after 2 1/2 years from announcing this large significant project and 5 months after the end of the examination consultations when they said that they were in talks and hoped to reach an agreement by this stage, to not have a definite answer from Network Rail as to which option to proceed with, as a resident and business owner who will be affected, it puts a lot of stress and anguish on to what could happen to our village. If we proceed down the route of cabling through Essendine, the compulsory acquisition of our rights to the subsoil land and the disruption, damage and noise of all the cabling activities during construction splitting one side of Essendine off from another - access to the Church, Village Hall, playground, has a significant impact on our village. Not to forget the busy commuter traffic along the A6121. We have one residential and two business accesses off the A6121 which will be affected if this route is taken. As stated before we need vehicular access to Church Farm for our business and also Anglian Water requires 24/7 access to their pumping station onsite. There has also been some queries regarding our potential legal loss of access to our Vineyard as highlighted previously, which MPSF agreed that they had incorrectly marked as a loss of access, we require access to this site for agriculture as well as for tourism and still awaiting that plans have been amended as requested.

Highways

At this stage of the process it is insightful to read that RCC and LCC are still not in agreement with Mallard Pass Solar Farm. The road infrastructure in the proposed site cannot cope with the increased amount of vehicular activity for the build process. The A1 is frequently closed/delayed due to RTA's at junctions around Stamford and the proposed route through Great Casterton, going past 3 schools, towards Essendine, consists of busy single carriageway. As a local resident who drives along Uffington Lane I am interested to hear both RCC and LCC comments in respect of traffic management and the two way vehicular access for lorries off the A6121 onto Uffington Lane, with the majority of the road only suitable for one single vehicle with protected roadside verges either side and passing areas in a very sad state. Another factor to raise in respect of the flooding caused by Storm Henk, when the West Glen and mitigation field next to Church Farm flooded, there is often confusion from RCC and LCC and emergency services when responding to RTA's, which county are to respond. 3 months on from Storm Henk and we are still in clean up operation due to catastrophic flooding, we had to rescue cows by boat and sheds were 4ft high with river water, the repeat occurrence could only be increased in years to come due to increase water run off from solar panels.