Opposition to:

Rutland
Re: Mallard Pass Solar
Farm application

Dear Ms Coutinho,

I live on the edge of the proposed Mallard Pass Solar Farm array location.

I am opposed to the project and think that permission should be denied. The reasons I object are as follows:-

1. Loss of agricultural land at a time when we need to produce more of our own food

2. Loss of habitat and damage to the environment.
. Mitigation proposals are inadequate.
. A building project on this scale is inevitably destructive and disruptive

lorry movement are unlikely to be honoured.

7. Environmental issues around solar panel production and end-of-life disposal.

8. No reduction in local energy costs

9. This is a Chinese company, planning to cynically profit from selling us electricity, using our infrastructure to convert + distribute energy. Why should we allow this?

10. Better ways to achieve our energy/ CO_2 targets - eg windfarms offshore.

11. Low output - all this terrible environmental destruction for a low net output and we must remember solar panels become less efficient over time. Payback time
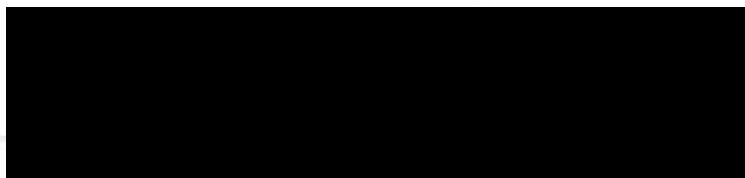
to wildlife - both animals + plants.

3. The supply chain for the solar panels has been traced and shown to have used Uighur forced labour which is utterly unacceptable.

4. This will be an eyesore and ruin the beauty of this precious county of Rutland. We already have given much of the county to Rutland Water.

5. Fences and battery containers. High fences around the boundaries will be ugly, prevent movement of wildlife and reduce the leisure amenity value of the area.

6. Disruption during building process. Pressure on our rural roads will be unacceptable and dangerous. Promises to restrict hours of

will be some years in the future.

12. We must not aim to reduce CO_2 emissions at the cost of other aspects of the environment.

I believe the harm to this area will far outweigh any benefits and I oppose the plan. I also oppose any smaller array that may be proposed as a compromise.

Yours sincerely,