

CLAIRE COUTINHO, M.P. 25.1.24
SECRETARY OF STATE
HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Claire Coutinho,

RE:- MALLARD PASS SOLAR PLANT

The above Solar Plant should be rejected by you, on my behalf, on the following grounds:-

- i) It is sited on an area of 2,105 acres of Grade 1 arable land which is urgently needed towards the UK's self-sufficiency in food
- ii) This is an inappropriate scale of development which will effect the changes, character, function and amenities of the local area, which includes the inadequate contd.

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drainage infrastructure.

iii) This land will be lost for 60 years!

Solar Energy is a modern concept that may not be in favour in the year 2084!!

Decisions you make today will have knock-on effects for at least two future generations. We are only custodians....

iv) The area around the site is already a high-risk flood area. The villages around it experienced flooding of houses, garden centre and arable land caused by the latest storm, Rabette,

v) This will be made worse by the increased speed and concentration of run-off onto the land thus reaching the river far quicker, causing flooding with devastation of houses and businesses.

I trust that when you make your final decision concerns of businesses and

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home owners and farmers will be paramount.

Please reject this application for all the above reasons.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Robert J. Paterson

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