




28 January 2024

Dear Ms Coutinho

Mallard Pass Solar Energy Facility

I am writing to you to express my objection to the plans to develop an industrial scale solar farm on the borders of Lincolnshire and Rutland (Mallard Pass Solar Farm).

As a Global Sustainability Manager for an international company for over 20 years I am deeply aware of the need to tackle energy security, carbon emissions and global sustainability issues.

To effectively address these issues, we need to tackle them in a systemic way which protects and enhances nature. This is why I object to the development of industrial scale solar farms such as Mallard Pass. Specifically:

i) The application is flawed in that it claims to contribute to the UK's Net Zero ambitions, but a full lifecycle assessment has not been undertaken considering the ethical issues, sourcing and transportation of components, loss of agricultural productive land and local biodiversity impacts.

ii) Alternative methods of generating solar energy from rooftop installations and use of brownfield land should be taken into consideration in the process. These are far better infrastructure solutions than damaging open landscapes

The proposal is an incredibly wasteful use of land. The average footprint of a UK house in 2018 was 67.8 sqm (Source: LABC Warranty report 2018). Mallard Pass claims to be able to generate electricity for 92000 homes from 463 ha of solar panels or 906ha total site area. Therefore between 50 - 98 sq m of the solar farm site is required to power one household. That effectively doubles the land take of an average home.

iii) The situation of the Mallard Pass project is at distance from large users of electricity or conurbations. Loss of electric current along transmission lines will reduce the effectiveness of a large solar farm at this site.

I note that in a recent meeting between Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Dr Caroline Johnson MP for Sleaford & North Hykeham Mr Sunak pledged not to allow "great swathes" of the Lincolnshire countryside to be occupied by solar panels. I trust that your Government will deliver on this promise.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Jenkins

Ms Claire Coutinho, Secretary of State (SoS) for Energy and Net Zero

c/o Alicia Kearns MP,

House of Commons, SW1A 0AA

The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urge the Government to take into account the concerns of the petitioners and reject the proposed development of the 2,175-acre Mallard Pass solar plant on the Rutland and Lincolnshire borders.

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Member's initials: _____
 Member's name: _____

Petition: Proposed Mallard Pass solar plant

The petition of residents of the United Kingdom,

Declares that the proposed Mallard Pass solar plant should be rejected; further that the inappropriate scale of this development would lead to irreversible damage to the community due to the loss of quality, productive agricultural land, the loss of the natural character of the countryside, lasting damage on biodiversity and the environment, damage to historical assets and identity, and the risk of a solar plant produced by forced labour in the developers' supply chain.

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And the petitioners remain, etc.

Name <small>(required by Parliament)</small>	Address incl Postcode <small>(required by Parliament)</small>	Email <small>(if you want updates)</small>	Signature <small>(required by Parliament)</small>
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