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Dear Ms Claire Coutinho

Sec. of State for Energy House of Commons

The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Project ,Stamford Lincs.(Being proposed by "Windel Energy & Canadian Solar")

Sorry to bother you with our problem but we have recently (after all the local opinions and objections have already closed) come across detailed information about solar farms in the USA that incorporate agriculture and husbandry of which there are very many.

Briefly, it means raising the panels and spacing them out to allow the land to still be cultivated and for small animals to graze (e.g. sheep) This approach also lends itself to easier and vital maintenance and essential regular panel cleaning. BUT this suggestion is obviously more expensive than setting them side by side with no gaps in between and was never on offer during the initial debate .

Clearly this approach offers a realistic compromise for both parties but, by doing so means fewer total panels, less income for the provider but fewer panels to initially provide.

Hoping that this information can help you in your future deliberations regarding this issue.

Yours

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