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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter dated 9th February regarding how the issue of Uyghur forced labour in Canadian Solar's **supply chains will be considered** by the Secretary of State when determining whether to grant planning approval for the Mallard Pass development. As I have discussed with you before, I am concerned that as **forced labour is not a statutory consideration in the planning system**, the planning inspectorate has been unable to incorporate Rutlanders widespread concerns about Canadian Solar's ethics and suitability into the final recommendation to the Secretary of State.


Could you please set out in more detail how the issue of Uyghur forced labour in Canadian Solar's supply chains will be considered by the Secretary of State? This will help allay the growing concern in Rutland and Stamford and the Stamford villages that this important issue would simply be ignored due to the constraints of the current planning system.



I have reattached a brief with this letter setting out Canadian Solar's many links to human rights abuses against the Uyghurs and would be grateful if it could be included in any information given to the Secretary of State on this issue.

I also wish to **reiterate my calls for import controls** to insulate our market from solar made with Uyghur forced labour. With the US's Uyghur Forced Labour Prevention Act working and the EU legislating for similar measures we will soon be an outlier and dumping ground for dirty solar. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss my proposal in greater detail.

Finally, there is an **urgent need to speed up minimum community consultation amounts for solar** before NSIP projects like Mallard Pass reach the decision point. Without minimum amounts the host communities for such developments are facing huge disruption for up to sixty years with no guarantee of equitable compensation.

Best wishes,


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