

Energy Infrastructure Planning Projects

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This Statement concerns an application for development consent made under the Planning Act 2008 by Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited for development consent for the construction and operation of a solar farm energy generating development on land in Lincolnshire, South Kesteven and Rutland.

Under section 107(1) of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State must make a decision on an application within three months of the receipt of the Examining Authority's report unless exercising the power under section 107(3) of the Act to set a new deadline. Where a new deadline is set, the Secretary of State must make a Statement to Parliament to announce it. The current statutory deadline for the decision on Mallard Pass Solar Farm application is 16 May 2024.

I have decided to set a new deadline of no later than 13 June 2024 for deciding this application. This is to ensure there is sufficient time for the Department to consider the application.

The decision to set the new deadline for this application is without prejudice to the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.