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Good morning,

The Secretary of State has announced the decision whether to grant approval for Mallard Pass has been delayed until 13th June.

Whilst we were all hoping for the application to be rejected today, I can only hope this news is somewhat positive.

I wrote to you yesterday with an update on the new rules I had secured from the Government on protecting agricultural land from solar development. Those rules came into force immediately, meaning they apply to Mallard Pass and all other ongoing Solar plant applications. This delay I hope will therefore give the department time to evaluate Mallard Pass' application against the new rules before a final decision is made.

Mallard Pass would be over 2000 acres and made up of 47% best and most versatile land and 53% grade 3b land. In other words, this mammoth solar plant would be situated on a gargantuan site composed entirely of agricultural land. I believe that this should clearly disqualify it from approval under the new rules.

To grant approval would contradict the drive for national food security from the Government, something rural colleagues and I have worked so hard to promote.

We will now have to wait until June for the final decision, and I will continue to work hard in Parliament and at home to make our case against this heinous proposal.

Thank you to everyone for all you have done so far.

Best wishes to you and yours,

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