

Dear Secretary of State,

I don't believe it is right the DCO for Mallard Pass Solar Farm should be approved based on data that has yet to be presented to councils and interested parties on the proposed development, the consultation period was two years but in that period details requested by residents and councils has not been made available by the applicant suppressing open debate on issues which the consultation process was meant to allow interested parties to address in open discussion, issues that would affect them, their properties and the local community.

The issue of cable routing has not been resolved meaning residents with properties having direct access to the A6121 are still subject to not knowing if the compulsory acquisition of their right of subsoil land will be implemented. This compulsory acquisition was not presented at the beginning of the consultation process however MPSF were able to release plans and details with minimal delay but necessary in supporting their application. Detail to the period of disruption and how traffic flow will be managed in line with the outbound traffic from the primary compound as it's to go back through Essendine via the A6121 to Bourne and the A47 which would affect residents was minimal.

The cables are critical in getting power back to the new substation in field 19 though not visible above ground, details of the new substation whose structures will be 12.3m tall, nearly three times the height of the PV arrays, highly visible and fundamental for the operations since the outset have been minimal. The substation area was originally presented for BESS with 3m tall structures and less visible with the Ryhall 400kV substation presented as the substation for the application which is only half correct. The new substation including industrial buildings needs to be built in the current open countryside however detail to design, structure, finish and how they will fit into the landscape has been minimal not allowing for open discussion on location and how in-effective the proposed mitigating planting would be.

MPSF's failure to present or make available data in association with interested parties such as wireline drawings on key infrastructure in this project highlights either a lack of knowledge and experience in handling large-scale PV Projects genuinely not knowing the answers, or complacency. Restricting information to suppress open discussion on unfavourable areas of the project which will have a major impact on the local community, landscape and environment on the assumption the DCO will be approved with little regard to the community and environment.

Until all data requested by interested parties has been made available and discussed in open debate as the process is meant to allow happen the DCO should not be approved.

Thank you.

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Interested party, Resident.