

# Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008

## 1. The project

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd is proposing a new solar farm partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. The project is called Mallard Pass Solar Farm, referred to as 'Mallard Pass'.

Mallard Pass is proposed to be located on agricultural land either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine, and could generate in the region of 350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The proposals include a solar array, infrastructure to connect to the national grid, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works.

**The vision for Mallard Pass is to support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system, deliver reliable and sustainable low-cost energy, enhance the local environment and be a responsible neighbour.**

Mallard Pass Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it is proposed to have a generating capacity exceeding 50 MW. Mallard Pass must therefore submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State of Business, Energy and Industrial (BEIS) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd is a partnership between Windel Energy and Canadian Solar, two companies with strong track records in delivering renewable energy developments.

## 2. Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd has a duty to consult with the local community under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd has therefore prepared a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) that explains how people living near the proposed project boundary will be consulted throughout the pre-application process.

This includes how it plans to consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and developed plans which have considered the comments received during the Stage One public consultation held in 2021. Mallard Pass consulted relevant Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) on the SoCC and duly considered the comments made regarding the proposed approach to consultation.

**The consultation process is designed to provide information about the project and give the local community the opportunity to have their say, shape and inform Mallard Pass Solar Farm.**

This advertisement provides a formal notice of the publication of the SoCC which can be viewed via the Mallard Pass Solar Farm project website [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk). Hard copies of the SoCC are also available from the Community Access Point (CAP) sites listed below and may be provided upon request in hard copy, large print, audio or braille formats.

## 3. The consultation process

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd will be holding their Stage Two Statutory Consultation between **Thursday 26 May and Thursday 04 August 2022**. Stage Two will feature a series of consultation activities, which all interested stakeholders and members of the local community are encouraged to participate in.

Upon the launch of Stage Two, on Thursday 26 May 2022, all consultation materials will be made available to view, print and download at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents). These may also be provided upon request in hard copy, large print, audio or braille formats at the contact details below. Hard copies of the Stage Two Main Consultation Document, Feedback Form, Community Consultation Leaflet, PEIR and PEIR NTS will also be made available at the CAP sites listed below.

Feedback can be provided during Stage Two via the Mallard Pass project website, accessible at [www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say](http://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Have-Your-Say). Hard copy feedback forms will be made available at consultation events, from the CAP sites listed below, by request, or to download and print directly from the project website. Feedback forms may be submitted at events or returned by email or post (free of charge) using the details provided. **All feedback must be received on or before Thursday 04 August 2022.**

## 4. Community Access Point (CAP) sites

Hard copies of the SoCC are available at the following locations:

- **Essendine Village Hall**, Bourne Road, Essendine, Stamford, PE9 4LQ.
- **Stamford Arts Centre**, 27 St Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DL.
- **Ryhall Village Hall**, Church Street, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HR.



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