

Alicia Kearns MP
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Sent via email to: alicia.kearns.mp@parliament.uk

Dear Alicia Kearns MP,

We are writing to inform you that, after very careful consideration, the Mallard Pass Solar Farm project team wish to postpone their participation in the public meeting that you have currently arranged for Thursday 07 April 2022.

We are committed to engaging openly and honestly during the development of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. That is the reason why we instinctively and quickly agreed in principle to attend on the 07 April.

We genuinely want this meeting to be helpful to you, and to your constituents. However, as we have stated previously, new information regarding our proposals for Mallard Pass will not be available until later in the Spring, at Stage Two of our public consultation. Further, since having agreed in principle to attend the public meeting, we have yet to see any new enquiries regarding the proposed scheme that have not yet been addressed through the post-Stage One FAQs, or that can be addressed adequately at this time in the process. We have started to prepare for this meeting and quickly came to the conclusion that we have no further details to share at this stage; hence why we are writing to you now.

We are still going through the process of developing a more detailed design for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm, actively considering the detailed feedback that we received during Stage One, as well as ongoing environmental and technical assessments. Since the launch of this initial consultation stage, we have directly distributed two rounds of informational materials to our Core Consultation Zone, which extends by a minimum distance of 2km from the proposed site boundary. This encompasses more than 13,300 properties in the area, to whom we have sent a Stage One Consultation Leaflet and post-Stage One Community Newsletter. Further, we have published detailed updates on our website, including responses to 48 frequently asked questions that we received from stakeholders and the local community during Stage One. We have also responded to over 470 emails from members of the public.

Our team is also readily available to interested residents and continues to be contactable through our communications channels. We have continued to meet with close neighbours to the site following our Stage One consultation.

We do not wish to provoke frustration by attending on the 7th and not being able to answer questions that can only be answered once more detailed technical work has been completed.



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As you will know from our correspondence, including our letter of 25 January, we are only part way through our planned consultation activities. We would be pleased to work with your office to organise a meeting during our statutory, second stage of consultation when we will be able to present more details about our proposals and the changes that we have been able to make since Stage One. We will also have completed further technical studies at this time, so will be able to share further analysis and, very likely, answer in far more detail the questions that you and your constituents may have.

We hope that you will understand our reasoning and will ask your office to work with us to rearrange a meeting for you to chair at a more appropriate time, when further details are available.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Price



For and on behalf of Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

