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Dear Karl-Jonas,

Sunnica Energy Farm – section 46 notification under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

The Secretary of State is hereby notified in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the “Act”), of Sunnica Ltd’s intention to submit a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to authorise the construction, operation (which includes maintenance) and decommissioning of the proposed Sunnica Energy Farm (the “Scheme”). Sunnica Ltd intends to make this application in April 2021. The Scheme would be located near Chippenham and Snailwell in Cambridgeshire, Isleham in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, and Worlington and Freckenham in Suffolk.

This will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the “APFP Regulations”), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The consultation will commence on 22 September 2020 and last until 2 December 2020.

Summary of the scheme

The Scheme comprises an energy farm with ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity from the sun as direct current and one or more Battery Storage Systems, which together would allow for the generation, storage, import and export of electrical capacity in excess of 50MW. The Scheme also comprises an extension to the Burwell National Grid Substation in Cambridgeshire, an underground electrical cable from the generating assets to the Burwell National Grid Substation, landscaping, biodiversity areas and a range of associated infrastructure including access tracks, construction compounds and offices. The connection at Burwell National Grid Substation will allow the Scheme to import or export up to 500MW of electricity.

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The Scheme would be located across four separate sites: Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, Sunnica West Site A and Sunnica West Site B (the “Sites”). The Sites would be connected to each other, and the Burwell National Grid substation, using underground cables.

Consultation documents

Section 46 of the Act requires the Applicant to send to the Secretary of State the information that it intends to provide to consultees under section 42 of the Act, on or before commencing section 42 consultation. We are providing the following information to the section 42 consultees identified:

- A covering letter sent to those consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(a) section 42(1)(b) and a cover letter sent to those consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d) –enclosing:
 - A consultation booklet, which provides more information about the Scheme and includes a plan showing the proposed red-line boundary of the Scheme;
 - a consultation questionnaire which may be used to provide responses on the proposals; and,
 - notice of the proposed application which has been publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations (for 42(1)(a) and (b) consultees only).

These documents, as well as a Preliminary Environment Information Report and accompanying non-technical summary, will be available using the following link from the start of the consultation period on 22 September 2020: www.sunnica.co.uk/downloads. We are providing this information in an electronic form to minimise the provision of paper or electronic documentation which has to be physically handled during the COVID 19 pandemic. If, however, the Secretary of State requires the material in an alternative form, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition to these documents, between 22 September and 2 December 2020, there will be a virtual exhibition on our website: www.sunnica.co.uk, as well as a series of webinars we will give about our proposals online. These will include presentations on specific topics and will offer the opportunity to ask questions. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@sunnica.co.uk or 08081687925.

Yours sincerely,



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