



Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

* required information

Application Form

Please read guidance documents relating to the submission of applications prior to completing this form including [government guidance](#) and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents](#).

* Do you have a reference number?

Yes No

* Reference number

1. Applicant

* Organisation

Address

* Building number or name

* Street

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

* Name of contact

* Telephone number

Fax number

* Email

2. Agent

* Are you an agent acting on behalf of the Applicant?

Yes No

3. Fee

* State the arrangement for the application fee payment:

BACS CHAPS Cheque

* Please provide payment reference details



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4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application



* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

The Scheme is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as it is an onshore generating station in England with capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).

5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development



* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

Sunnica Ltd is proposing to install ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity energy from the sun and combine these with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) which will connect to the Burwell National Grid Substation in Cambridgeshire (the Scheme). Supporting electrical infrastructure will include on-site substations on-site cabling between the different electrical elements across the Scheme. The generating equipment of the Scheme will be fenced and be protected via security measures such as Closed Circuit Television and lighting. Inside the fenced areas, in addition to the generating equipment will be internal access tracks, and drainage. It is not proposed for any area to be continuously lit.

Visual, ecological and archaeological mitigation is proposed which includes proposed grassland planting and new woodland; retention of existing woodland, wetlands and other vegetation; provision of replacement habitat and offsetting areas where there will be no development. The BESSs will consist of a compound and battery array to allow for the importation, storage and exportation of energy to the National Grid. There will also be areas at Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B for office and storage facilities for use during the Scheme's operation. The Scheme will be connected to the existing Burwell National Grid Substation, using 132 kiloVolt cables buried underground. The cables will run between Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B and Sunnica West Site A (Grid Connection Route A), and then from Sunnica West Site A to, Sunnica West B and onwards to the Burwell National Grid Substation (Grid Connection Route B). An extension to the substation is proposed.

A full description of the Scheme is provided in Chapter 3 of the Environmental Statement [EN010106/APP/6.1] and also described in the Design and Access Statement [EN010106/APP/7.3].

6. Location or route of the Proposed Development



* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

The Scheme is located within the administrative areas of Cambridgeshire County Council; Suffolk County Council; East Cambridgeshire District Council; and West Suffolk Council.

The Scheme is across four sites:

- Sunnica East Site A which is located approximately, 0.5 kilometres (km) south-east of the village of Isleham; 0.6km south-west of the village of West Row and 3.5 km east of the town of Mildenhall;
- Sunnica East Site B which is located immediately south of the village of Worlington; approximately 1km east of the village of Freckenham and 1.5km south-east of the town of Mildenhall;
- Sunnica West Site A which is located immediately north of the A14 at Newmarket and approximately 0.3km east of the village of Snailwell; 1km south of the village of Chippenham; and 1km west of the village of Kennett; and
- Sunnica West Site B which is approximately 0.5km north of the village of Snailwell; 1.4km south of the village of Fordham and 2km south west of the village of Chippenham.

The Scheme will be connected to the existing Burwell National Grid Substation, located west of the village of Burwell in Cambridgeshire. The cables will run between Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B and Sunnica West Site A (Grid Connection Route A), and then from Sunnica West Site A to, Sunnica West B and onwards to the Burwell National Grid Substation (Grid Connection Route B). An extension to the substation is proposed.

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* Is the site a single site or a linear site?

Single site

Linear site

Grid reference

* Easting

566465

* Northing

267079

* Document reference

EN010106/APP/2.5

Add another reference

7. Associated Development



* Associated Development is included within this application:

Yes

No

* Document reference

EN010106/APP/3.1

Add another reference

8. a) Consultation Report



* Document reference

EN010106/APP/5.1

Add another reference

8. b) Copies of newspaper notices



* Document reference

EN010106/APP/5.2

Add another reference

9. Draft Development Consent Order



* Document reference

EN010106/APP/3.1

Add another reference

10. Explanatory Memorandum



* Document reference

EN010106/APP/3.2

Add another reference

11. Land Plan



* Document reference

EN010106/APP/2.1

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12. Works Plan



* Document reference

EN010106/APP/2.2

Add another reference

13. Compulsory Acquisition of land or an interest in land or right over land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes

No

Statement of reasons document reference

EN010106/APP/4.1

Add another reference

Funding statement document reference

EN010106/APP/4.2

Add another reference

Book of Reference document reference

EN010106/APP/4.3

Add another reference

14. a) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)



* Environmental Statement (ES) required:

Yes

No

* ES Document Reference

EN010106/APP/6.1- EN010106/APP/6.4

Add another reference

14. b) Screening Opinion/ Direction and Scoping Opinion/ Direction



* Screening Opinion sought, or direction received:

Yes

No

* Scoping Opinion sought:

Yes

No

Document reference

Appendix 1B of EN010106/APP/6.2

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14. c) Publicity required under Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 11 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009)



In addition to publishing the notice, a copy of the notice was sent to:

* the consultation bodies

* Yes

* the persons notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 9(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009):

Yes No, not applicable

15. European sites (to which Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 applies) or a Ramsar site.



* Report required for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

16. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of nature conservation, geological or landscape importance; habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and water bodies in a River Basin Management Plan - together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development.



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

* Document reference

17. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of the historic environment such as scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings and other historic structures, archaeological sites and registered battlefields, together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

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18. Flood Risk Assessment



* Flood Risk Assessment required:

Yes No

* Document reference

19. Matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisances etc) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990



* Statement required for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

20. A plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

21. A plan identifying new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or any diversions, extinguishments or creation or rights of way or public rights of navigation



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

22. Additional information for specific types of infrastructure



* Additional information is required to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009:

Yes No

* Provide a brief description

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* Document reference

EN010106/APP/7.4

Add another reference

Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 requires additional information to be submitted with the following types of development.

* Please check any of the following boxes that apply:

- Construction or extension of a non offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1a))
- Construction or extension of an offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1b))
- Highway related development (Reg. 6 (2) (part 1))
- Construction or alteration of a railway (Reg. 6 (2) (part 2))
- Construction or alteration of harbour facilities (Reg. 6 (3))
- Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))
- Construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility (Reg. 6 (5))
- Construction of a dam or reservoir (Reg. 6 (6))

Construction or extension of a non offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1a))

* Provide a statement of who will be responsible for designing and building the connection to the electricity grid

See Grid Connection Statement - EN010106/APP/7.4

* Is it a gas fuelled generating station?

- Yes No

23. Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposal for which development consent is sought, and any other documents, reports or information to support the application



Provide a brief description of any other plans, drawings and sections that are being submitted with this application

Traffic Regulation Measures Plans - Road Closures
Traffic Regulation Measures Plans - Temporary Measures
Location Plan

Document reference

EN010106/APP/2.4

Document reference

EN010106/APP/2.5

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Provide a brief description of any other documents considered necessary to support the application

Covering Letter [EN010106/APP/1.1]
Guide to the Application [EN010106/APP/1.2]
Section 55 Checklist [EN010106/APP/1.4]
Electronic Index [EN010106/APP/1.5]
Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010106/APP/4.4]
Schedule of environmental mitigation [EN010106/APP/6.5]
Offsetting habitat provision for stone curlew specification [EN010106/APP/6.6]
Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [EN010106/APP/6.7]
Statement of Need [EN010106/APP/7.1]
Planning Statement [EN010106/APP/7.2]
Design and Access Statement [EN010106/APP/7.3]
Outline battery fire safety management plan [EN010106/APP/7.6]
Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan [EN010106/APP/7.7]

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Provide a brief description of any other information provided that is in support of the application, but which has not been explicitly required

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24. Other consents/ licences required under other legislation



* Other consents/ licences are required:

- Yes No

* Provide a list of consents/licences

You must cite the document references as appropriate

* Document reference

25. Declaration



I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information given in this form and enclosed maps, plans and other documents are true.

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Please note there is a requirement for one hard copy of the form to be signed. Please ensure that when you submit you include at least one signed copy. Further copies do not require the hand written signature.

Signature _____

(For and on behalf of the Applicant)

* Name

(In block letters)

* Date / /
dd mm yyyy

* Organisation

* Position within the organisation

In order to complete this form, it must be checked to ensure all information has been entered correctly. Click the following button to check the form.