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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: Response to letter dated 4th May 2022 Sunnica delay request
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Dear Examining Authority

Thank you for your letter dated 4th May 2022 asking for feedback on Sunnica's recent request for a delay. My Interested Party number is 20030622

The Sunnica Energy Farm is a proposal for a solar and battery facility that will deliver solar energy into the national grid. However, it seems that there is a question about the viability of this scheme due to complications with Sunnica's planned connection to the grid at Burwell.

This must be rectified before we can consider this application any further. Asking interested parties to review an energy scheme with no viable grid connection is like asking us to review an application for a bridge that only stretches 3/4 of the way across a river with no agreed method of reaching the other side. The ability to supply energy to the grid is a fundamental part of the Sunnica scheme and must have some certainty.

I support having a delay because it would not be fair to proceed while this is still being resolved. However, I do not think that delaying until mid-July is suitable and I object to this timeline. It needs to be a longer delay period for the following reasons:

1) Option 3 may not be deemed viable. I do not believe that Sunnica can evaluate this (or other) proposed new grid extension option and fully assess the impacts by the end of May to then fully consult with local residents throughout June and then fully consider the results of this consultation before 18th July. This is too optimistic and is likely to require additional delays. This would not be fair.

2) I have 3 children and I work full time. Over the school summer holidays it is always difficult to juggle childcare and work commitments. To suggest holding the preliminary meeting in the school summer holiday period is most unfair and is biased in Sunnica's favour. I would not be able to attend.

I, along with other interested parties, was expecting this to have already taken place and I strongly object to Sunnica requesting a revised timetable that limits the ability of interested parties to participate.

Presumably the examination itself would follow soon after the preliminary meeting, meaning that all of the revised DCO documents would need to be reviewed and submissions made during the school summer holiday and peak vacation season. Sunnica have suggested a new timetable that is heavily biased in their favour and this must be rejected. Sunnica should be aware that people like me would not be able to fully participate in an examination during such a time.

I don't think the preliminary meeting should be held until mid-September at the earliest, once children are back in school and once the grid connection problem is resolved and residents have been fully consulted on this. Interested parties will then be able to go into the examination with a full understanding of the new scheme plans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

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