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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: EN010106 letter of 4th May
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Dear Sirs,

I think that there is a need to delay the Preliminary Meeting (and the start of the Examination) as Sunnica are proposing a hugely significant change to their Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The delay is essential because a huge amount of the DCO application documents that have already been submitted, and will not be accurate, and will thus need to be altered.

Please delay this for long enough to ensure that residents and interested parties can have access to the full details of the scheme changes, and to give time for the full impacts to be seen and reviewed adequately, and also, to allow enough time for fair participation in the response.

Because the underlying success of the scheme involves the Grid connection, this is of fundamental importance to the scheme. If a delay is not agreed, I am very concerned that this change could not be fairly assessed with a tight timetable once the Examination process begins.

I object to the rushed timetable suggested by Sunnica for the assessment, evaluation, consultation, etc, of the new 'Option 3'. This is not sufficient, and changes that affect over 40,000 people in over eight villages, should have adequate time allowed to consult with these people.

It seems that is not yet known if the new Grid location is technically feasible. This needs to be established first, and then Sunnica will need to carry out impact assessments (many of these could be significant) on landscape, traffic, construction, wildlife, noise, etc. After this, a full and thorough consultation (30 days) with local residents and other stakeholders is needed, and there should be adequate time for the results of the consultation to be considered, and time to make additional changes etc. It seems that Sunnica are hoping to achieve this by mid-July, which is unrealistic, and if granted will potentially push through ill thought through adjustments.

Time also needs to be allowed so that Sunnica can update their DCO application documents, as this will all need to be re-reviewed (additional time and expense, on top of the considerable expense already incurred reviewing the current DCO application documents).

The suggested lack of time, will not allow for local people to review the changes, especially as the holiday and Platinum Jubilee are imminent. There needs to be a proposed timetable that is fair, and appropriate to allow for fair participation. If this cannot be agreed, the application should be withdrawn and resubmitted once they have their plans in order.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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