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**Subject:** Sunnica Response to Letter of 4th May 2022 – Request by the applicant in respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination.  
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Dear Sirs

Further to your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022, I note that you have requested comments specifically related to the following matters:

- The issue of whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022
- The Applicant's proposed timetable to consult further on amendments intended to form the formal Change Request to be made to the ExA.

Response to the Points raised as noted:-

1. The issue of whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022.

- Owing to the fundamental material change being proposed by the applicants I am of the opinion that the Preliminary hearing should be delayed as the detail that should be submitted with that change will be substantial and it is doubtful if sufficient time will be available for all parties, be they statutory or otherwise, to consider all in the detail required for such a major development.
- I am of the opinion that a full appraisal of the intended changes should be allowed and the timing of that work should be the determining factor in arriving at a date for the Preliminary Hearing rather than the date of the hearing determining the timing of the review and, therein, the responses.

2. The Applicant's proposed timetable to consult further on amendments intended to form the formal Change Request to be made to the ExA.

- The timetable proposed by the Applicant appears to be tight when considering the anticipated major amendment proposed and, as noted above, the time that is left to others both considering and challenging the application, to consider the amendment and comment upon it in a full and considered manner.
- I am also concerned that the applicant is trying to forge the timetable for their own benefit at the expense of others and in their haste to do so, will not meet the defined timings thereby leaving all others only further frustrated by their lack of consideration, particularly for those that are effected by the scheme.

In conclusion, whilst appreciating the openness of the enquiry, I am of the opinion that the proposed timetable should be set to one side and that the timing of the preliminary Hearing should be delayed until such time as the proposed changes have been fully consulted upon and response received from all interested parties.

Yours faithfully



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