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Dear Sirs

I wish to comment on your letter of the 4th May regarding the Sunnica Energy Farm ref EN010106

My interested party ref No is 20030116

I note the correspondence between Sunnica and the PI prior to this date and the fact that comment can only be made on 2 specific points, the delay requested in the preliminary meeting until the 22nd July 2022 and the timetable set out by Sunnica.

A PV solar array cannot be constructed without a connection to the National Grid. Sunnica have had 3 years to negotiate such a connection to the National Grid at Burwell and obtain a signed agreement before the DCO was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2021.

It is a grave error of judgement on the part of Sunnica Ltd. to make such enormous assumptions that the National Grid would be on board with Option 1 and to submit the DCO without having obtained this clarification and agreement in advance. The proposal to introduce an Option 3 at this incredibly late stage raises questions as to Sunnica's understanding of its obligations under the Planning Act. This is a significant change to Sunnica's proposal and is central to the project. The implications of whatever Option 3 is cannot be fully evaluated in such a short space of time and the public absolutely has to have an opportunity to fully evaluate the environmental impact of all aspects including landscape, wildlife, visual impact, noise, pollution etc. Also, it is unclear as to exactly where the location of Option 3 is within the Sunnica West A site.

The behaviour of Sunnica Ltd. throughout the entire consultation period has been one of assumptions and arrogance, especially towards the local communities. Surely this behaviour cannot sit well with the Planning Inspectorate and professional structure of the DCO application process.

Therefore to ask for an extension to the Planning Inspectorate timetable is **NOT** justified and neither is the timetable put forward by Sunnica acceptable.

Sunnica cannot be allowed to have their own agenda for a NSIP and have been made aware of the very strict timetable and regulations by the PI in accordance with the Planning Act.

The DCO is approximately 12 months overdue being presented to the PI and each of the delays with the Public Consultation and the Presentation of the DCO to the PI have been caused by Sunnica Ltd and its Directors. The original plan was for a Secretary of State decision to be made no later than June 2022.

Any further delays in the SOS decision beyond May 2023 cannot be tolerated by the local communities which are living in a very uncertain time with the stress caused by the Sunnica delays affecting their health and wellbeing on a widespread scale.

Please ensure this application by Sunnica is conducted to the strict time schedule as outlined by the Planning Inspectorate without any further delays and a decision obtained by the Secretary of State in May 2023. Otherwise Sunnica should withdraw their application as they cannot be relied upon to present a robust DCO.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Your sincerely

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