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Subject: Proposed Sunnica Timetable Changes for Preliminary Meeting and Examination
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Dear PINS.

I have received advice from the Say No To Sunnica Team that Sunnica have requested a delay in the timetable for the PINS Preliminary Meeting and subsequent start of the Examination of their proposals for the colossal solar panel installation that they are determined to impose upon the people in villages on the West Suffolk/East Cambridgeshire border.

I gather that the reason for the delay is that they have at this late stage in their planning established that they cannot create an extension to the National Grid sub-station at Burwell and are therefore now seeking to place it near to the village of Chippenham.

I understand that to progress with the Preliminary Meeting and start of Examination at this time would be difficult for all concerned as the scheme, which I am strongly opposed to, would be incomplete until the proposals for the sub-station at Chippenham have been fully considered by Sunnica in all aspects of planning, feasibility, Health & Safety and environmental impact. However, to me this smacks of yet another case of Sunnica rushing headlong into a scheme that is less about the benefits to the Nation's power users and more about the company's financial profits. The scheme is in many ways detrimental to this countryside and its settlement pattern and should not be permitted to go ahead.

I have noticed that a number of similar but lesser schemes in other parts of the country have recently been denied permission to proceed and the reasons for those refusals would appear to reflect the concerns of local communities, environmental organisations and Parliamentary MPs of varying party persuasions in the same way as is happening with the Sunnica proposals. Please do not ignore those cases when judging the merits or disadvantages of the gross scheme that Sunnica are seeking to impose upon us.

Do I agree to a delay in the timetable? Reluctantly I do but not so that Sunnica can dream up yet another set of reasons as to why the placing of a sub-station close to Chippenham would be a marvellous idea. I do so in order that the Say No To Sunnica Team can have time to gain more detailed information about this latest change to Sunnica's proposals and be able to contest the plans with sound arguments based on the greatest level of factual analysis of the implications and dangers associated with such proposals.

Yours Faithfully,

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