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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting and Examination
Date: 12 May 2022 17:23:09

Dear Sirs,

I am an Interested Party resident in Chippenham, and my identification number is 20030808.

I object to the impact the revised timetable for Examination will have on my ability to respond both to the changes and to participate in Examination over the summer holiday period.

It appears that the delay is due to a change in a fundamental element of the scheme, its connection to the National Grid. An application was made based on two options for connection that the applicant asserts to now be undeliverable or be at risk of undeliverable. A significant and as yet unquantified and unassessed change to the application is proposed that has yet to be agreed with National Grid and to a timetable that apparently National Grid are not committed to. There is a risk of further delays to Examination and further changes.

It is not possible for me, and others locally, to respond to this change, or to finalise written representations, as I do not know what impact this change will have. The applicant has proposed a consultation to be concluded by July 2022 and for a revision to the application to be submitted to the Examining Authority immediately after the applicant has considered the responses to consultation in mid-July (letter of 22 April 2022), just before the Preliminary Meeting. Only at this point will local people have sight of the amended application, which may itself be different from the changes consulted upon. This is prejudicial to my, and others, ability to submit a cogent written representation to the Examining Authority based upon the revised application. More time is required to consider the revised application.

As a professional working in the area of significant public infrastructure planning, and with practical experience of Development Consent Orders, I find the failure of the applicant to secure the connection to the National Grid pre-application to be extraordinary. The position of myself and local people should not be prejudiced by this failure in responding to the revised application, nor should their time to do so be restricted when the applicant has had ample time to secure the necessary agreements.

The Examining Authority should require that the application be withdrawn and resubmitted when all dependent agreements and issues are fully resolved.

Best regards

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