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To: Sunnica Energy Farm

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Sirs

Thank you for your email of 4th May 2022.

Having considered the request being put before you, my considered observations and opinions are these:

I am not surprised that Sunnica have run into difficulties with the hook-up to the National Grid. This is totally symptomatic of the lack of consultation and communication which has featured in this application from the onset.

The alternatives which are now being proposed fundamentally change aspects of the overall proposal. As such, the situation should be fully considered by all interested parties, not just the much smaller number who registered their interest with the Planning Inspectorate.

Certainly no extension should be allowed. Procedural timescales are provided as a framework to bind all interested parties. I'm sure that Sunnica themselves would be strenuously vocal if objectors to their proposal requested an extension to formulate a defence.

I am of the opinion that the application should be assessed as it was submitted - and within the stipulated timescales.

Or, as an alternative, Sunnica could be given the opportunity to withdraw their application and start the whole process again. This would enable them to re-commence from the absolute beginning. This would force Sunnica to hold face-to-face consultation meetings with local communities - something that they hid behind the coronavirus pandemic to avoid.

Best Regards Alan Borderick