From:
Sunnica Energy Farm

Subject: Sunnica Ltd - Request for Delay of the Preliminary Meeting and Examination

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ATTN: Mr Grahame Kean

Dear Sir

Further to your letter Reference EN010106, dated 4 May 2022, inviting comment on whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022 and on the Applicant's proposed timetable to consult further on amendments intended to form the formal Change Request to be made to the Examining Authority, I wish to make the following comments:

I do not believe that the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July. I believe that there is mounting evidence that the Applicant has not prepared its application sufficiently thoroughly and that many parties, including for instance the East Anglian Ambulance Service, and perhaps the National Grid, have not been adequately consulted. Certainly the local consultation was just sufficient to comply with the letter of their legal obligations but inadequate in many respects.

I do not believe that the Applicant's timetable for further consultation on the amendments will allow sufficient time for a proper response. The change to the grid connection that is required, necessitating as it does a large capacity high-tension transformer substation to be incorporated on a site remote from the National Grid connection at Burwell, on Sunnica West Site A, is likely to need substantial infrastructure changes. Sunnica Ltd state that there will be numerous consequential changes and that considerable numbers of their documents will have to be updated and re-issued. The time needed by interested parties, both individuals and local government bodies, to properly examine and consult with expert opinion upon these changes is certainly greater than the few weeks that have been allowed.

I believe that Sunnica should be obliged to withdraw their application and to resubmit it when it is properly prepared, should they wish.

Yours faithfully

Dr Christopher J Corbin



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