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Should the preliminary meeting be delayed until Mid-July 2022?

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Delay to the preliminary meeting cannot be accepted until Sunnica can satisfy the Planning Inspectorate that they can achieve their proposed timetable without further delay.

- a) Why has the promoter (Sunnica) taken from 17th March to the 19th April (34 days) to notify the Planning Inspectorate of their request to delay the date of the Preliminary meeting?
- b) Option 1 for a 132kV substation at the National Grid Station, Burwell has been withdrawn by the National Grid on the grounds of it being “not technically feasible given the amount of land now required by Sunnica.”
- c) Option 2. The availability of land to support this proposed substation extension is in doubt as the current landowner is not prepared to release his land. Compulsory acquisition has been considered; however, “the National Grid Electricity Transmission strongly opposes any compulsory or extinguishment of rights over its land.”
- d) Option 3. To build an alternative sub station has not been a part of the original Development Consent Order (DCO), therefore it would come with its own risk of feasibility and would require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The current reports from the Statutory Consultation would not be acceptable as Option 3 is a new location.
- e) The new 132kV substation appears not to be part of the national grid

electricity transmission apparatus, therefore will Sunnica' s substation over capacities the order limits of the national grid's electricity transmission at Burwell.

Applicant (Sunnica) proposed timetable

When you apply dates and days to Sunnica' s proposed timetable you start to question the reality of their proposed timetable.

1. Now to end of May 2022 (18th May - 31st May = 13 days)
Confirm all amendments and prepare documentation.
2. End of May to end of June 2022 (31st May – 30th June = 31 days)
Engagement / Consultation on amendments for 30 days.
3. First two weeks of July (1st July – 15th July = 15 days)
Period to have regard to consultation responses.
4. Mid July 2022 (what date is mid July? 16th July?)
Submit amendments to PINS.
5. No earlier than 18th July 2022 (18th July is mid July)
Preliminary meeting and start of examination on updated applications and revised order limits.

Comments on the above timetable.

- a) The timetable is too open ended. It should be more date specific in order to monitor its progress.
- b) Which communities are involved with the engagement and consultation of amendments? How long will the consultation period cover bearing in mind there are only 13 days in May to have this documentation available for consultation in June.
- c) Sunnica are submitting their amendments to PINS on potentially the

same date that the preliminary meeting is due to start the examination of the updated application and revised order limits.

d) There is no mention of option 3 which has the potential to force a further delay thereby compromising the original application.

e) It is essential that Sunnica submit their amendments to a specific Amendment Report. Their conclusions should not be embedded as part of their current reports from the Statutory Consultation. Option 3 is a new consultation and should be subjected to special measures.

In conclusion, the proposed Option 3 was not part of the original DCO (Development Consent Order). DCO's are governed by a fixed statutory process which questions the current validity of the Sunnica Proposal.

