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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: Your Ref: EN010106 Sunnica - Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting/Examination
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Dear Sir

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Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination

I am responding, as a registered Interested Party, to Sunnica's request to change the date of the Preliminary Meeting.

I address the two questions you have asked below:

Whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022.

Given the importance and scale of the change to the scheme, mid-July is clearly too soon. Of course the meeting should be delayed as Sunnica are proposing a very significant and material change. It is very unlikely that Sunnica could carry out all the necessary feasibility studies, impact and technical assessments, etc within the timetable indicated. Will they have robust reports on the effect of these changes on the landscape, wildlife, biodiversity, traffic, noise etc?

The Applicant's proposed timetable to consult further on amendments intended to form the formal Change Request to be made to the ExA.

Such a significant change will need proper, formal consultation. Allowing just one month for this step is not enough. Given the lack of proper engagement during the previous public consultation, this is especially worrying. Who will Sunnica be consulting and how? Local councils and other bodies will have no time to commission any impact studies of their own. Nor will there be time to consult local residents.

Additionally, two weeks to consider the consultation responses seems very rushed.

The proposed timing of the start date is concerning as this coincides with the holiday period, when many people will be away.

From the start, Sunnica have been under-prepared and vague. This latest twist – that they have no way of connecting to the grid – is typical. They should restart the process, with a more thorough approach to detail and a proper plan for consultation with the local communities.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Maxwell