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Please find my responses to the latest PINS request to Interested Parties regarding the amendments to Sunnica scheme.

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

It would appear that the changes Sunnica are proposing to their DCO application are significant. The connection to the grid at Burwell is of fundamental importance to the scheme. As a result many of the DCO application documents will need to be altered, bringing new factors into the equation that potentially affect more residents. Adequate time should therefore be given to ensure the full details of the changes are established and declared, and access given to enable local residents duration to comprehend them and be in a position to fairly examine the impact.

2. The Applicant's Proposed Timetable

Based on the current uncertainty surrounding the new options being put forward by Sunnica, the questions regarding their technical feasibility plus the impact assessments that need to be undertaken, updates given and consulted upon, I believe that the timetable proposed by Sunnica is too short; unrealistic, unfair and wholly unacceptable. The proposed summer timetable falls at a period of year when I shall be away from the area taking extended annual leave, thus further restricting the window available to review the changes.

As stated by the ExA, the time allowance given to this application thus far is contrary to DCLG Examination Guidance. It was Sunnica's choice to submit the application when they did. They had adequate time to make the necessary assessments and formulate solid plans before commencing the DCO process. This latest request is indicative of the lack of preparedness, disregard for the local residents and lack of transparency that has consistently been demonstrated by the applicant during the consultation and planning process.

A timetable should be determined that enables fair participation. If this cannot be agreed, or is unacceptable to the ExA based on the guidance, then I firmly believe that the application should be withdrawn/rejected and resubmitted once Sunnica have clearly defined their plans.

Regards,  
Jonathan Pearce