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Subject: Response to the Ex A request regarding Sunnica"s proposed delay
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Dear Grahame,

Please find attached the response from Red Lodge Parish Council

Kind Regards

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This is the response from Red Lodge Parish Council with reference to the applicants response (Sunnica Ltd), dated 28th April 2022, to the the Ex A letter dated 22nd April 2022.

It appears that Sunnica had 2 options (stated in 1.2 of their letter mentioned above) for the grid connection at Burwell and that, although Sunnica had submitted their application for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed solar farm, both options had not been researched to the point there was acceptance by all the parties involved. Namely the national Grid in March declined option (1) to allow Sunnica to build their proposed sub-station on National Grid land. Further National Grid indicated that the size of the land was insufficient, indicating that either Sunnica had re-sized the connection or that they may have failed to communicate the correct requirements in the first instance.

Red Lodge Parish Council have had significant concern over the provision of information around some of the more important issues of battery storage and power transmission, sighting concerns over the lack of research and provision of information by Sunnica. This appears yet again, to be another failing in their research and provision of information which in this instance has been exposed before the first steps of examination have taken place.

This is now further being compounded by the creation of an option 3, which appears to be a very different solution. This proposal has not been consulted on and may have impacts on various other areas of consultation, such as landscaping, rights of way, noise, health and safety, ecology, etc....

So Red Lodge Parish Council object to the revised timetable proposed and the council feels that the project now needs to take a step back and allow residents once again to assimilate the proposed scheme changes and review their impact, which might result in changes to some of the relevant representations already submitted, maybe even lead to new parties wishing to submit a relevant representation when the impact of this change is known and understood.

Before the examination re-starts, there needs to be a confirmed solution that is technically feasible and that all parties are happy that there are no adverse affects on the environment. Surely a sub-station built within the solar farm changes landscaping requirements and visuals, besides needing to transport in materials required. Cabling from the sub-station to Burwell will now carry 400kV rather than the originally proposed 132kV, does this change the requirements of cabling depth or have any other Health and Safety implications?

Therefore Red Lodge believe that the proposed change to from option 1 to option 3 is significant enough to warrant further consultation by all parties involved as it could have such consequences that someone or some party may have considered the original options as satisfactory, may now consider that they need to make a relevant representation given the introduction of a new option which could impact on other project considerations. The Preliminary meeting should be postponed to a date where Sunnica have a proposed solution and that this could be presented enabling a further consultation ensuring all parties with an interest (current and new based solely on the change) can assess and respond accordingly.