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Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to offer my comments in response to your letter of 04MAY2022 regarding EN010106 - Sunnica Energy Farm.

1) The issue of whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022

I do not believe there should be any delay to the preliminary meeting, the application should be assessed by the ExA as it stands. I.e. As the largest proposed solar farm and energy storage facility in the UK, which at this point in time has no plan for connecting to the national grid.

The response from Sunnica specifically point 3.15.3 and 3.15.5 from their letter dated 28APR2022 raises some concerns.

“It should be noted that Sunnica did not see National Grid’s relevant representation until the Inspectorate published them on 6 April 2022.”

Potentially there is a serious discrepancy between the National Grid and Sunnica

This quote from the National Grid Representation dated 17MAR2022 directly contradicts the above statement from Sunnica

“As has been communicated to the Promoter, the Option 1 connection is not technically feasible given the amount of land now required by the Promoter”

Even if you assume that Sunnica was only informed that option 1 was not feasible by reading the National Grid representation, it calls into question the key working relationship between Sunnica and the National Grid. It also cast doubt on their ability to meet the time lines stated in section 3.16 of the 28APR2022.

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

Given Sunnica’s previous attempts at consultation, I would be very concerned by the very short consultation period. This could be considered a ploy as they have now seen the concerns raised in the representations and this gives them the opportunity to address them in their initial submission.

Regards

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