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**Subject:** FAO Grahame Kean Ref :20031242 and EN010106. Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination  
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FAO Grahame Kean

Ref: Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination.

Dear Graham

Please see attached file which is the reply to your letter Snailwell Parish Council of 4 May 2022 related to the application reference of EN010106



# Snailwell Parish Council

Your Ref: EN010106

Unique Ref: 20031242

Date : 18 May 2022

Dear Grahame Kean

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

### **Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm (the DCO Application)**

### **Response to a Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination**

Thank you for your letter of 22 April 2022 notifying us and requesting a response to two specific matters arising from the Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination.

The first issue you listed is :-

### **The issue of whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022**

With specific reference to National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc Relevant Representation received by you on 17 March 2022 from Eversheds Sutherland acting for National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc stating that “ **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** ”. The same statement was quoted in a letter of 28 April 2022 by Pinsent Masons who represent Sunnica Ltd in paragraph 1.3.

Sunnica Ltd have evidently informed National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc at some point, as yet not given, that they need more land than is available in Option 1. The technical reason is also not given. It seems inconceivable that Sunnica Ltd discovered this matter at such a late stage, given the timescale expended to reach this point in the NSIP process. Sunnica Ltd has submitted its application to be granted a DCO and it would appear that Sunnica Ltd has overlooked the “**amount of land**” required at the time of submitting their request for grant of a DCO or miscalculated or increased the specification of the entire project resulting in more equipment to be accommodated than Sunnica Ltd initially determined for installation on the site outlined in Option 1.

We conclude that the delay to the Examination process is procedurally unfair and be thrown out as a direct consequence of the failure of Sunnica Ltd to determine its specific requirements for the installation and for land area to place it in. It is clear that more land was needed than is available on the proposed site in Option 1. Surely it is essential that

Sunnica ensured that sufficient land was available on a fixed site described in Option 1 when Sunnica Ltd submitted its request for a DCO.

The second issue is :-

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

There is a lack of detail and therefore knowledge behind the reasoning to justify this request. There is no timetable to determine when the documentation detailing the revised DCO request will be submitted by Sunnica Ltd and in any event the matter remains complex and we are not satisfied that there will be sufficient time for Snailwell Parish Council to examine and respond to any proposal made by Sunnica in the limited timeframe described and the proposed delay of the Preliminary Meeting to mid-July.

Submitted on Behalf of Snailwell Parish Council

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