

Application for Development Consent by Sunnica Ltd for the Sunnica Energy Farm

Case Ref: EN010106

Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on 10th and 11th May 2022

Background

All three members of the panel appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the Sunnica Energy Farm project undertook an unaccompanied Site Inspection on 10 and 11 May 2022 to look at transport and access locations and to gain a further appreciation of the site.

The visits were made by car and on foot, on publicly accessible land and highway. The Panel was accompanied by the Case Manager and did not encounter any Interested Persons or other people during the inspection.

Weather conditions on the first day were good, being dry, bright and sunny with light cloud and clear visibility throughout. The weather on the second day was overcast and wet with rain showers but reasonably bright with good visibility.

The route taken was essentially the same as that for the second day of the previous USI on 11 April 2022 as shown on Figure 1 of that USI note, with minor variations to view various access locations as described below.

Details of the Inspection

Date	Map location	Route
Day 1		
10 May 2022	A	Departed Newmarket on the A1304 heading NE then joined the A11, leaving the A11 at the B1085 and then turning right, over the A11 eastwards onto Dane Hill Road to view the proposed access C to Sunnica West Site A, returning westwards as far as Chippenham Park, then turning left onto la Hogue Road and back down to the A11 to view the A11/La Hogue Road left off and left on accesses.
10 May 2022	B	Drove NE along the Red Lodge bypass, turning off left on the off slip to Golf Links Road and then to Worlington, then southwards out of Worlington along Newmarket Road and back onto the A11 at the all-movements grade separated Red Lodge dumb-bell roundabout junction.
10 May 2022	C	Retraced our steps along the A11 and Golf Links Road back to Worlington, viewing the Golf Links Road/Newmarket Road and Newmarket Road/B1102 junctions and then out of Worlington westwards on Isleham Road, observing the proposed access T to the cable route. Turned at the

		staggered crossroads (marked * on map) into Ferry Lane to observe the proposed crane access E to Sunnica East Site A, then crossed the River Lark into West Row as far as Church Lane/Gravel Drove. Returned along the same route to the staggered crossroads.
10 May 2022	D	Drove south across the staggered crossroads and southwards to the B1102, and then turned left along B1102 Mildenhall Road and Freckenham Road to view the proposed access point S to Sunnica East Site B, then retraced our route along Isleham Road, turning left at the staggered crossroads and then back southwards to the B1102, turning right into Freckenham. Through Freckenham, out on the B1102 Fordham Road, then turning left onto the B1104 towards Chippenham, viewing the staggered junction with the B1102, then sharp right, right again back on to the B1102 heading eastwards and then left onto the B1104 heading north to Isleham.
10 May 2022	E	Drove through Isleham and out NNE on minor road as far as the River Lark and Isleham Marina entrance. Returned along the same route to Isleham.
10 May 2022	F	Drove out SE from Isleham along Beck Road, observing proposed accesses F and G and proposed crane access K, then back to the staggered crossroads, across and southwards to the B1102, then turned right back into Freckenham.
10 May 2022	G	Drove into Freckenham, turning left along Elms Road, observing the proposed accesses A, B and C, and the all-movements grade separated Red Lodge dumb-bell roundabout junction, then returned down the A11 to Newmarket.
Day 2		
11 May 2022	L and H	Drove out of Newmarket to the NE along the A1304 then turned right onto the B1506 to view The Limekilns gallops and views from the gallops. Then continued out of Newmarket on the A1304/A11 northbound, turning off to the west along Elms Road, then observed the U6006 where it joins Elms Road and turned left down a minor road past Badlingham Manor to Chippenham, crossing the River Kennett.
11 May 2022	I	Drove along Palace Lane, down the western side of Chippenham Park, then turned right onto Chippenham Road, to Snailwell, observing proposed access B to Sunnica West Site A.
11 May 2022	J	Through Snailwell and westwards over the hump-backed bridge over the Peterborough to Ipswich railway line to observe the junction with the A142 Fordham Road. Turned north along the A142,

		observing the junction of the A142 with Windmill Hill into Exning and continuing north to the roundabout junction of the A142 Fordham Road with Snailwell Road. Turned right into Snailwell Road and crossed the 7.5t weight limited bridge to observe the proposed access point D to Sunnica West Site B. Returned up The Street and Fordham Road, turning north onto the A142 to observe proposed cable route access point L, then off the A142 and on to the Newmarket Road into Fordham, observing proposed cable route access point K near Fordham Abbey. Then turned left onto the B1102 to Burwell, crossing the A142 Soham bypass at a roundabout junction and the Peterborough to Ipswich railway line at a level crossing.
11 May 2022	K	In Burwell, drove to the existing electricity substation in Weirs Drove, then continued to Reach Road, then observed the substation environs and took the B1102 back into Newmarket via Exning.
11 May 2022	L	Drove out of Newmarket on the B1063 via Ashley to Dalham to observe views northwards towards the application sites, returning to Newmarket via Moulton.