

Submission ID: 10622

Dear Planning Inspectorates

13.07.2022

My Unique number 20030559

As stated in your letter dated 22nd April 2022

“The DCLG ‘Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent’ states that it should take place within a period from six weeks to two months from receipt of the relevant representations. A delay may be accepted but should be kept.. to the minimum period necessary.

This application was submitted on 18th November 2021 and accepted 16th December 2021

I also quote from the same letter..

The Secretary of State's expectation is that Examining Authorities will not normally agree to postpone the start of the examination FOR LONGER THAN THREE MONTHS.....

And again

.....Delaying the Preliminary Meeting until mid-July 2022 would mean that it would take place some SEVEN MONTHS after the DCO Application was accepted.....

Why no longer than three months? To

.... limit the risk that the application, including pre-application consultation and environmental information, will no longer be sufficiently current to form the basis of an examination.....

Having allowed Sunnica the extra time and thus leaving the preliminary meeting until 26th July (7 MONTHS PLUS) will certainly heighten this risk.

I like many people have taken time and trouble to attend the consultations prior to covid 19, To try and find details when UNABLE to join in the zoom consultations, and to write to Sunnica. For Sunnica to then alter the proposal I consider very poor practise and shows a lack of precision in the plans that they were using in the initial consultations.

Having allowed Sunnica the extra time to change the proposal we now find that WE are having to “squeeze in” the time to scrutinise the final scheme design and to submit Written Representation in the midst of the school holidays and summer breaks which is always a very busy time. Had Sunnica not been allowed the extra time this would not have been the case.

Therefore I respectfully ask that the date for the written representations and responses be put back from 30th August to mid/late September.

I would suggest the ExA travel through Freckenham around Pound Corner, and turning up the West Row junction to the old railway bridge that forms a cross roads. To consider the suitability of the roads with regard to the quantity of large Lorries and loads that will be expected to be travel this route

My particular concerns are using good agricultural land when we are unable to provide enough food to feed this country (what good is electricity if we have no food?) and also the fire risks involved with the battery units and the subsequent dangers of toxic fumes. I trust these issues will be fully discussed.

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