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National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
12th July

Dear Sirs

Snailwell Parish Council
Sunnica Development Consent Order Application Timetable - Your Ref: EN010106

I write on behalf of Chippenham Parish Council who are members of the Parish and Town Council Alliance and support the Say No To Sunnica Action Group Ltd. We are responding to the letter dated 28th June concerning the arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting and Proposed Examination Timetable. The Parish Council met on 11th July 2022 and agreed the following:

To support the letter submitted by Say No To Sunnica Action Group Ltd and in addition to make the following requests:

Attendance at Meeting on 26th July – Nicholas Wright, a member of the Chippenham Parish Council, would like to attend the meeting in person. He would wish to speak on the following issues:

Comments on Examination Procedure.

Having reviewed the proposed examination timetable we would ask that the deadline for Written Representations (WR) be moved from 30th August to 20th September 2022. For the following reasons:

1. We will hold a Parish Council meeting in August however to date we would not be able to complete a Written Representation by 30th August as we would not be in full knowledge of what is as yet still to be submitted by the proposer.
2. We are aware of the difficulties this tight timetable will cause the professional advisors working with the Action Group. This will unfairly hinder the presentation of our case.
3. The Applicant's completed DCO Application is not finalised. We should be granted time to consider this in detail when it is submitted so we can reflect the material alterations in our Written Representation.
4. Our village survey conducted in October 2019 showed more than 90% of our community were in favour of solar, but a higher proportion were against the Applicants proposal. We must be allowed adequate time to prepare and sign off our WR and cannot do so without a clear proposal by the applicant .

In the interests of receiving the best quality representations to aid the inquiry we do ask that the 20th September date is adopted.

We consider there are other timelines scheduled for 17th August and 30th August that will be difficult to comply with effectively. These should also be extended in line with the 20th September. They are listed below:

17th August

1. Comments on Relevant Representations (RR)
2. Summaries of RR's exceeding 1,500 words

30th August

1. Initial Statements of Common Ground
2. Statement of Commonality
3. Responses to ExA's written questions
4. Responses to comments on RR's
5. Comments on Applicants draft itinerary
6. Comments on additional submissions

Request to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meetings

Peter Moggridge, a member of the Snailwell Parish Council, would like to attend the meeting in person and they would wish to speak on the proposed timetable of the examination.

Open Floor Hearings

1. We would like to register the right for Peter Moggridge, of Chippenham Parish Council, to speak at the Open Floor Hearing.

Issue Specific Hearings

We suggest the following issue specific hearings based on the appropriateness, proportionality, or efficacy of the proposals.

- a. Agricultural Land Classification (ALC). We have concerns that the ALC report submitted on behalf of Sunnica does not reflect the land quality we know surrounds our village
- b. The Carbon life cycle of the Sunnica Proposal
- c. The unsatisfactory consultation process carried out by the Applicant, specifically related to the change of the scheme

We would like to reserve the right to speak at any specific hearing covering the above.

Suggested locations for Site Inspections

1. Chippenham Park reservoir or Moulton Manor's Reservoir
2. The Drove at Snailwell and the Grade 2 listed Avenue which it joins.
3. View from Newmarket Northern Gallops towards The Drove and West Site A
4. Icknield Way at The Drove
5. Access routes, including The Street and Fordham Road through Snailwell West Site B
6. Agricultural land and meadowland in West Site B
7. Road Access at Chippenham Road joining West Site A and B
8. Views to Chippenham Fen from Park Farm on the Chippenham – Snailwell Road

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Yours faithfully

On behalf of Snailwell Parish Council