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19 July 2022

Dear Mr Kean

**APPLICATION BY SUNNICA LTD FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT
CONSENT FOR THE SUNNICA ENERGY FARM**

I am writing on behalf of Sunnica Ltd (the "**Applicant**") as Pinsent Masons LLP is instructed as the Applicant's legal advisors.

It has come to my attention today that the Applicant has not complied with the requirement to provide notification of hearings scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27th July and Thursday 28th July 2022 as it is required to do pursuant to regulation 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. This is an unfortunate error which is highly regrettable and for which the Applicant apologises.

I have spoken today with your case officer and it is proposed the following remedial action is taken:

1. Site notices will be erected on 21 July 2022 at the locations shown on the enclosed plan shown with a blue spot;
2. Notices will be posted on 21 July 2022 at the locations shown on the enclosed plan shown with a green spot, being places where public notices are usually posted in the area;
3. A local advertisement will be placed in the Newmarket Journal on 21 July 2022. We would be grateful if the attached notice could also be placed on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

I note that the above steps should have taken place 21 days in advance of the scheduled hearing dates which is not now possible. The Examining Authority has a discretion to accept that the notifications can take place in a shorter period and I would be grateful if this could be exercised on this occasion. No prejudice would be caused in exercising this discretion given that the dates

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of the hearings were notified to all interested parties in the Rule 6 letter and that interested parties will have additional opportunities to be heard by the Examining Authority in the six month examination period.

Yours sincerely

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APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE PROPOSED SUNNICA ENERGY FARM PROJECT (APPLICATION REFERENCE EN010106)

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING AND OPEN FLOOR HEARINGS UNDER SECTIONS 91, 93 and 94 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

Notice is hereby given that the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application made by Sunnica Limited of 2 Crossways Business Centre, Bicester Road, Kingswood, Aylesbury, HP18 0RA ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 for the Sunnica Energy Farm Project ("the Application"). The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under sections 14(1)(a), 15(2) and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 18 November 2021 and was accepted for examination on 16 December 2021. The Examination will commence following the Preliminary Meeting to be held on 26th July 2022. Hearings will be held as indicated below:

Date	Hearing	Start Time	Venue and joining details
Wednesday 27 July 2022	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the draft Development Consent Order.	Seating available at venue from: 09:00 Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 09:00 Hearing starts: 10:00	Bedford Lodge Hotel Bury Lodge Newmarket CB8 7BX and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered
Thursday 28 July 2022	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Seating available at venue from: 12:30 Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 12:30 Hearing starts: 13:30	Bedford Lodge Hotel Bury Lodge Newmarket CB8 7BX and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered
Thursday 28 July 2022	Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)	Seating available at venue from: 17:30 Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 17:30 Hearing starts: 18:30	Bedford Lodge Hotel Bury Lodge Newmarket CB8 7BX and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered

NOTE: If any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification that a particular date is no longer required will be published by the Planning Inspectorate as soon as practicable on the Sunnica Energy Farm project webpage -

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/Sunnica-Energy-Farm/> providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel them.

To find out how to register to participate in any of the above hearings and for further details please see The Planning Inspectorate's Sunnica Energy Farm projects webpage: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/Sunnica-Energy-Farm/>

The Planning Inspectorate's case team can be contacted on:

sunnica@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

0303 444 5000

If you wish to make oral representations at any of the Hearings, please contact the Planning Inspectorate Case Team using the details above.

Summary of the Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and supporting infrastructure, which together comprise Sunnica Energy Farm (or "the Scheme").

The proposed Sunnica Energy Farm is located in West Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire and would be situated across four sites:

- Sunnica East Site A which is located approximately 0.5 kilometres (km) south-east of the village of Isleham, 0.6km south-west of the village of West Row and 3.5km west of the town of Mildenhall;
- Sunnica East Site B which is located immediately south of the village of Worlington, approximately 1km east of the village of Freckenham and 1.5km south-west of the town of Mildenhall;
- Sunnica West Site A which is located immediately north of the A14 at Newmarket and approximately 0.3km east of the village of Snailwell, 1km south of the village of Chippenham and 1km west of the village of Kennett; and
- Sunnica West Site B which is approximately 0.5km north of the village of Snailwell; 1.4km south of the village of Fordham and 2km south west of the village of Chippenham.

The Scheme will be connected to a new substation extension at the existing Burwell National Grid Substation, using 132 kilovolt (kV) cables buried underground. The cables will run between Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B and Sunnica West Site A (Grid Connection Route A), and then from Sunnica West Site A to Sunnica West B and onwards to the Burwell National Grid Substation (Grid Connection Route B). The Burwell National Grid Substation will convert the 132kV electricity to 400kV. The 400kV cables will connect the Scheme to the existing Burwell National Grid Substation to allow distribution to the national transmission network.

A map showing the location of Sunnica Energy Farm can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010106/EN010106-001879-SEF_ES_6.3_Figure%201-1%20Scheme%20Location.pdf

Environmental Impact Assessment Development:

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an environmental statement accompanies the Application.

Application form and accompanying documents:

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans and environmental statement (ES) and Non-technical Summary (NTS) ("Application Documents") can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Sunnica Energy Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

The Application Documents will be available to view online at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision whether or not to grant the Development Consent Order.

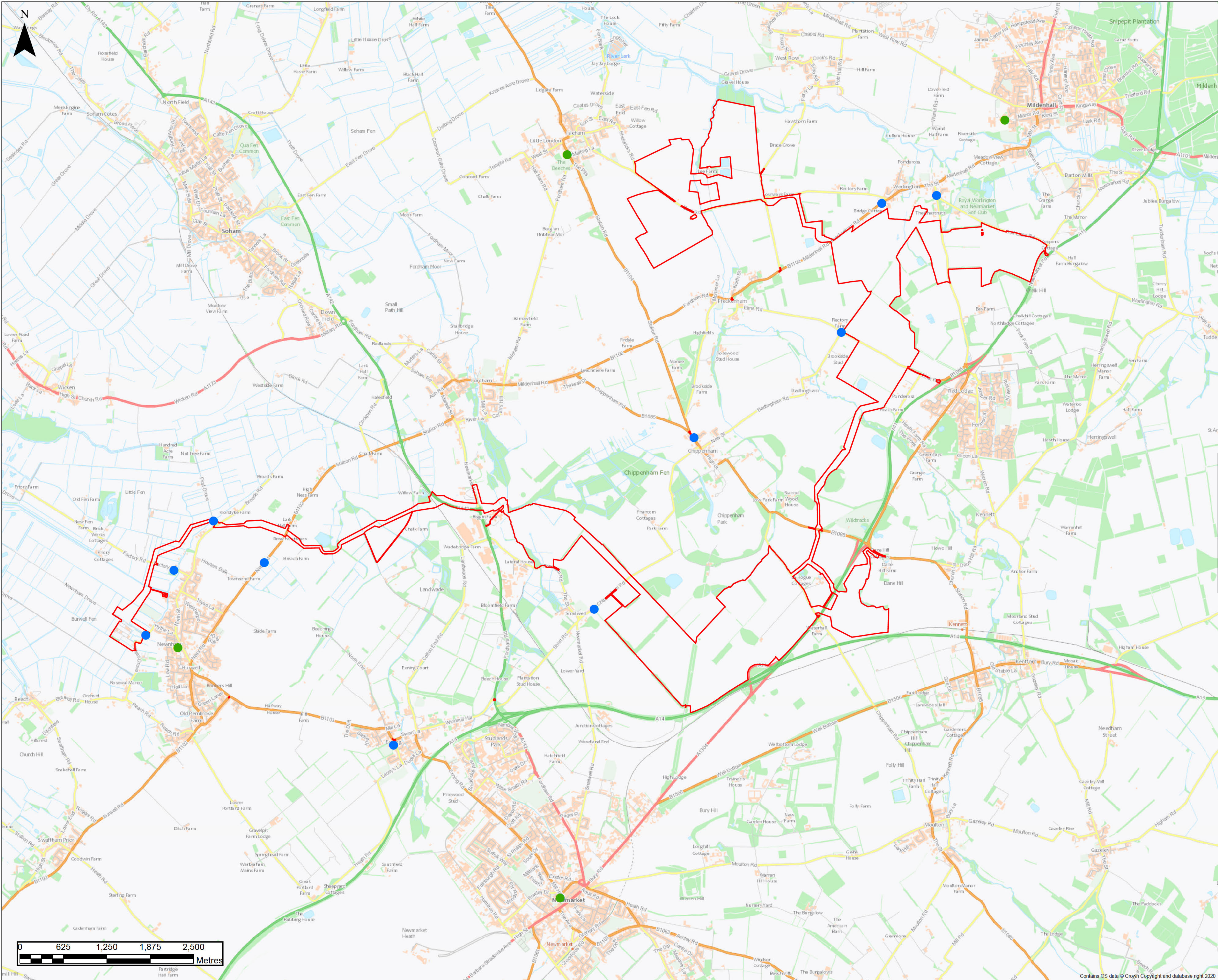
If you require a copy of the Application Documents to be supplied on a USB stick, this can be provided free of charge (one USB stick per household). Please use the contact details for the Applicant below to request for this to be provided.

If you have any questions about the Application Documents, you can email info@sunnica.co.uk, write to FAO Sunnica Ltd, Freepost SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL, or contact the Applicant by telephone on 0808 168 7925.

The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy format on request at a cost of:

- Consultation Report, Planning Statement and Statement of Need - £537.42;
- Environmental Statement Report Volumes 1-3 - £1,259.38; and
- Total cost for all documents (including files, covers and spines) - £4,570.44.

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