

Submission to Planning Inspectorate

Comments on Examination commencing in September 2022

The PD of the ExA to adjourn the PM that opened on 26 July 2022 and thus delay the start of the Examination is welcome given the unpreparedness and repeated failures of the Applicant as the application is far from finalised and clearly not at a stage to be Examined.

However, whilst the stated aim of the ExA is to be fair and to get the best balance it can between the need to enable preparatory work to occur and bring the application to an early Examination on the basis of current documentation, if the 'current documentation' is (yet again) insufficient why should the Applicant be given further time? and when will the ExA decide Sunnica has had enough time? The process is not at all 'fair' if Sunnica is continually permitted to abuse it and dictate the timetable.

The process continues to favour the Applicant rather than the affected community, a fact which Sunnica is exploiting; they continue to show a casual disregard for the process by failing to provide requested information either at all, or by the required deadline. Their failure to provide the Planning Inspectorate with any details of the recent consultation and responses to it demonstrating this.

I reviewed the Consultation document and attended the exhibition event at Chippenham in June; there was very little 'new' information and it was clear no further assessments had been undertaken. I considered the information supplied inadequate. I responded in detail to the Applicant and requested they forward my comments on the Planning Inspectorate; I now know Sunnica has failed to do this.

Whilst the adjournment of the PM and thus the delay to the start of the Examination is welcome on past form there is little confidence that Sunnica will submit a satisfactory CR on (their chosen delayed date) 30 August 2022.

Whilst it is now also agreed the Examination should not start before the date on which the Applicant now states it will formally submit the CR, what will happen if the CR is not submitted on this date? and if the ExA does not consider the prospects of sufficient progress have been made to support an effective Examination commencing in September 2022 will Sunnica be permitted further delays?

Over the past three years Sunnica's timetabling has put the community at a disadvantage; the pattern of its' own failings to consult, engage, provide or submit information as required, followed by a pressurised timescale for responses at the most inconvenient times when the fewest people are able assess, participate and comment. For this reason Day 2 of any rescheduled PM and the Examination – should one take place – should not occur during significant holiday periods – Summer, Christmas or Easter.