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Date: 8 September 2022

Dear Sir / Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89
The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17**

**Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the
Sunnica Energy Farm**

Applicant's Change Request of 30 August 2022

I am writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) to request further information and clarification in respect of the Change Request and associated documents submitted on 30 August 2022.

In order to decide whether or not your Change Request may be accepted into the examination of this application, the Examining Authority (ExA) requires further information and clarification in relation to the matters listed below by **Wednesday 14 September 2022** (Procedural Deadline C).

1. Figures 5-1 to 5-12 in the Change Request document [AS-243] show plans and elevations of both the 132kV proposals in the original application and the proposed change to 400kV for the substations at Sunnica West Site A, Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B, and Figures 3-28, 3-29 and 3-30 [AS-264 to AS-268] show the 400kV proposals: however the information is shown in such a way that it is not possible to compare the current application with the proposed changes.
 - Please confirm that the maximum footprint shown on Figure 5-3 should read 55m x 85m;
 - Given that the plan footprint shown at Figure 5-5 is almost square, please state the correct maximum footprint;

- Please show all plans for both the 132kV proposals and the 400kV proposals for the substations at Sunnica West Site A, Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B to the same scale, with a north point, footprint dimensions along each side and in such a way that the proposed changes in building size, orientation, position and layout within each site can be readily identified and compared with the existing application;
 - Please show all elevations for both the 132kV proposals and the 400kV proposals for the substations at Sunnica West Site A, Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B to the same scale, with building heights and dimensions along each side and in such a way that the proposed changes in building size, orientation, position and layout within each site can be readily identified and compared with the existing application.
2. The Change Request document [AS-243] contains environmental information, but this information appears in several different places within the submission and only two chapters of the Environmental Statement (ES) are submitted with marked revisions. There is also no reference to a non-technical summary.
 - Please provide a full schedule of the documents and plans that are now considered to form the ES for the Proposed Development and the Change Request, and the details of the documents that the Applicant has relied upon in drawing its conclusions.
 3. Further, please clarify the position in relation to Flood Risk Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment reports. Revisions of these documents have not been supplied with the Change Request.
 4. Appendix I Road Closures [AS-259] shows only a cover sheet and key plan.
 - Do you intend to submit any further information as you have done for Appendix I Temporary Measures [AS-260]?
 5. Does the Book of Reference (BoR) document at Appendix D [AS-247] show any changes other than those which would be required if the Change Request is accepted? If so, please remove them and include them as part of your next due diligence update to the BoR at Deadline 1 alongside a separate schedule of changes.
 6. Finally, do any other documents forming part of the Change Request show any changes other than those which would be required if the Change Request is accepted? If so, please remove them and include them as part of the next revision to the document.

We would also take this opportunity to point out that we will be issuing Written Questions soon after the close of the Preliminary Meeting (PM). Some questions may refer to issues raised in the Relevant Representations (RR). If, as we understand it, you intend to submit responses to the RRs on 16 September 2022 you should note that they will be treated as an early submission and will not be published until after Deadline 1, Wednesday 19 October 2022 as set out in the proposed revised timetable.

The ExA would point out that although the Applicant's Change Request documents have been published on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website, they have not been accepted as part of the application to be examined. The decision on whether to accept these changes will be made after the close of the PM. If the ExA does decide to accept the proposed changes into the Examination (irrespective of whether or

not they are material) all Interested Parties will have an opportunity to make representations on the changed application, in writing or orally at hearings, as the Examination progresses.

If you have any further questions concerning any of the matters set out in this letter, please contact the Case Team at sunnica@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or 0303 444 5000.

Yours faithfully

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Lead Panel Member of the Examining Authority

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