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Dear Mr Kean

RE: Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for Sunnica Energy Farm Project – Procedural Deadline C

Thank you for your letter dated 31 August 2022.

Written submissions on the Examination Procedure/The revised draft Examination Timetable

The Council (ECDC) notes the submission of the Local Impact Report (LIR) by 19 October 2022 and the submission of the Written Representation (WR) by 11 November 2022. As the ExA has not yet decided whether to accept the Applicant's Change Request the Council would wish to ensure that it has sufficient time to consider the Change Request, if it is accepted, in order to inform the content of the LIR and WR.

In addition, the Applicant may be submitting additional landscape information for our consideration via the Examining Authority. At the time of writing it is not known when any additional information will be received by the host authorities and, again, we would wish to ensure that we have sufficient time to consider this information. This information may be critical when East Cambridgeshire District Council considers its response to the proposal, with the committee to determine the WR likely being between 1 – 4 November 2022. If substantial new information is submitted after the writing deadline for this committee or post this committee date, a date after the 11 November 2022 to provide a response to the WR might be required. The WR is also when ECDC's Councillors have the opportunity to endorse the response contained within the LIR, until then the LIR will remain a professional opinion only.

The ExA is requested to note the potential date of the Committee to determine the response of the WR as this could affect the ability of ECDC to engage in the potential Issue Specific Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection 2 set between 1 – 3 November 2022.

It is noted that the timetable includes the publication of the ExA's Second Written Questions (if required) on 5 January 2023 and the deadline for the response to these questions is 6 working days later. The Council questions whether this is sufficient time for all parties to respond.

While this should not affect the ability of ECDC to respond, it is requested that the ExA notes that the Council's lead officer will be away between 6 – 13 March 2023.

The arrangements for future Examination hearings, including the use of virtual methods

East Cambridgeshire District Council has no objection to the use of virtual methods for future Examination hearings.

Participation at Preliminary Meetings and Accompanied Site Inspections

The relevant forms as requested will be filled out and sent separately.

Please note that we are sharing landscape expertise with Suffolk County Council and KC/Barrister with Cambridgeshire County Council; these two County Councils will be filling out the forms for these shared resources.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Phillips
Planning Team Leader