

I would like to support the availability of virtual participation in the process. It is difficult for participants to be available on all the relevant days of the process.

I have also noted that in Sunnica's latest submission they have asked for there to be no limit on the generating capacity of the Solar Farm and no limit battery storage capacity. I wanted to enquire whether this was explicitly part of the examination process as it raises very serious issues on (but not necessarily limited to), for instance, safety and the cost benefit of the programme. For instance, Sunnica have only provisioned for limited fire suppression capacity in their battery arrays and it should be considered very carefully whether they should be given a blank cheque for increasing battery capacity just because technology makes it possible. On the cost benefit side, Sunnica are asking to take out around 10 square kilometres of agricultural land but only guaranteeing to put in 50MW of solar panels. It should be considered whether such a small generating capacity is worth wasting so much agricultural land for.

I am therefore asking that either the Inspectorate dismiss the request for a blank cheque on the key parameters of the system or at least make it an explicit part of the examination.