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Sunnica Energy Farm

Subject: Deadline 2 Written Representation

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Dear case team

My name is Will and I have registered as an interested party and have submitted a relevant representation on the 17th of February but are unfortunately unable to find my URN now.

Please find attached my Deadline 2 Written Representation for you to for forward to the examiners.

Many thanks

Will

My name is Will and I'm a resident

I have come over from to work in the racing industry.

I chose Newmarket since this area is world renowned for its horse racing. The training grounds and horse related infrastructure in Newmarket are the best in the world. I know this first hand since I was lucky enough to have also worked for short periods of time in Ireland, Australia, America, Dubai and Italy and have visited the facilities in Hong Kong, Germany and France.

I had the choice to stay at any of these locations but chose each time to come back to Newmarket. The way the training facilities here are integrated into the local area with its beautiful nature and pretty little villages is next to none and I would never want to live anywhere else.

So I have chosen to settle down in _____ to buy a house and bring up my young family. _____ is a lovely new development on the doorstep of Newmarket. A nice little rural village surrounded by farmland and woods.

It has lots of parks and cycling tracks as well as running trails connecting to the surrounding villages. Our family is taking advantage of these facilities on a daily basis and love the peaceful and tranquil feel of the area

I'm extremely concerned what impact the proposed Sunica scheme will have on my life. Not only professionally but also privately.

My job is in the racing industry where we are relying on people to invest vast amounts of money to purchase racehorses and keep them in training on one of the local yards in Newmarket. (To give you an idea the average cost to purchase a decent race horse is a 5 to 6 figure number and many costing millions. To have a horse in training you are looking at an average of £25000 per year plus extras. So you see we are talking about substantial amounts of money here and if you would spend this amount of money you would want the best and most beautiful facilities for this)

The proposed scheme would be and eye sore trailing around the whole training grounds.

Many owners could choose to take their horses elsewhere to be trained as the work to install the sites would most certainly be a huge disruption to the horses and they would certainly ruin the picturesque flair of the area. This gives me huge concerns about future job security.

This would not just impact myself but a huge number of people that work in some way in the racing industry (trainers, yard workers, jockeys, exercise workers, vets, farriers, physios, food suppliers, grooms, grounds keepers, racecourse staff, sales staff, local shop keepers in town, B&B owners, taxi drivers to name a few)

My objections are not only the threat of job insecurity or damage to the racing industry which I love. But if Sunnica were to go ahead it would ruin my personal enjoyment of going to work.

Riding out on the Limekilns is a special feeling - it's setting is unique and the views from the top as you ride along are beautiful.

I can't imagine how horrible it would be to ride along the gallops with huge seas of solar panels and battery storage units and substations sandwiched between the famous limekilns and the beautiful Chippenham park - and I never want to find out.

This cannot be allowed to happen.

When I'm not at work I'm a keen runner and I run nearly daily. I average about 40km a week but sometimes even more then that.

I start all my runs in right outside my house, since I'm lucky enough to be straight in the countryside on some beautiful trails like along Elms Road, Badlingham, Chippenham etc.

It's liberating and I enjoy seeing the views, wildlife and listening to nature as I run through the area. I never run with headphones and play music as the peace and the sound of nature really help me to focus and clear my head. (emotional well-being is so important in the fast paced world we are living in)

I would certainly not be using these routes if Sunnica were to go ahead as the barren industrial scenery would give me no pleasure at all.

I'd most likely drive to somewhere else to do my running, which seems ridiculous when I have all this countryside on my doorstep, and is one of the reasons I chose to buy my house here.

We also use all these roads and paths for family walks and bike rides with our two young kids. We often take a bike ride along the Elms road to get to one of the pubs in the surrounding villages for Sunday lunch or to meet up with some of our friends.

For me, Sunnica would have a huge negative impact on both my work place and my private life - I strongly object to this scheme.