

Objection to Sunnica Energy Farm Proposal.

Whilst I appreciate the need to investigate decarbonisation and improving our energy security, a proposal of this scale on agricultural and environmentally sensitive areas is clearly not appropriate.

The proposal by Sunnica is to put an energy farm over an area of over 2500 acres of greenfield, mainly agricultural land. This land is best used for food production and is important to the local economy to be kept as such. With food security being an issue worldwide it is important that we do not lose large areas of agricultural land to this large, intrusive, industrial proposal.

The proposal for three Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) sites is a great concern as this technology hasn't been proven to be safe. There is a potential for highly toxic gases from any fire damage the local environment and endanger the lives of anyone in its path. It is unacceptable to consider using this hazardous technology when there is a lack of adequate regulatory standards.

The local area and narrow rural roads aren't suitable for the large amount of Heavy Goods Vehicle movements proposed during the 2-year construction phase.

Whilst screening has been proposed in the plans there are many areas that would be impossible to hide. Elevated areas will be looking over vast swathes of solar panels and batteries where green countryside should be.

All in all I see no reason why an industrial development that ought to be on a brownfield site should be imposed in the green fields of our countryside.