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Written representation Identification 20030110 from Alan Smith to Planning Inspectorate re application No EN 10106 Re Sunnica Ltd

Main WR Document dated 13th October 2022

This is additional information to be added since 13th October 2022.

Re Accompanied Site visit Inspection 2 (AS12) 2nd November 2022 (p.m). Worlington.

I refer to the above and the external examination by the Planning Inspectors (Mrs Taylor) of the distance between where I reside at [REDACTED] and the solar array at E12.

In my main report of the 13th October I refer to item Appendix No 2 Para 2.6. Having been present on the Accompanied Site Inspection it became apparent that an email I received on the 29th September 2021 from Sunnica contained a measurement I needed to have checked.

It was stated" that the distance between the proposed solar infrastructure at E12 on their plan and the closest properties at the Southern tip of Worlington is approximately 490 metres. There was confusion on site when Mr Murray (Director of Sunnica Ltd) indicated a point much closer to my property of 30 metres.

I have engaged an outside firm, Michelle Bolger Expert Landscape Consultancy, whose measurement from Fig 3.1 Sunnica East Parameter Plan from my dwelling and the closest panels in E12 is 500.31 metres.

This is far too close to the residential properties in [REDACTED]

Again referring to the walking inspection of E12 I request this entire area is removed from the Sunnica plan. The reason is its incline and the affect the 13ft high panels would have on the Brecks landscape. The existing views from my property and the other properties in [REDACTED], (the B1102) which at the moment overlook the Brecks would become part of an industrial landscape.

Furthermore the view from [REDACTED] and the public footpath would be visually impaired due to the rear of the 13 feet high solar panels facing to the North, which are black, the solar glass faces South, and would also include 6 feet high fencing of the entire perimeter of that parcel of land.

In addition the removal of E12 would enhance the value of PROW Number U6006 which is called Badlingham Lane/Icknield Way. . It is also noted from the plan that E12 is totally out of alignment with E13, E14, E15 and E16 and therefore E12 should be designated as an extension to ECO3.

Furthermore E11 which was removed from the plan in 2021 together with E12 which remains on the current Sunnica plan is a nesting ground for Stone Curlew and Red Kite, both protected species.

The Accompanied site visit covering Worlington has also given me a completely different view of the Sunnica proposal as compared to studying a Sunnica map. It basically splits the village into 3 separate areas namely;

- Golf Links Road E30,E31 and E32
- Newmarket Road E24, E25, E26, E27,E28 and E29
- Elms Road E19, E20, E21, E22 and E13, E14, E15, E16, E17, E18.

Access points to each of the 3 above sites.

- Elms Road. A very narrow road most of which it is impossible for 2 cars to pass and is marked at each end with signs "Not suitable for HGVs." Solar panels each side
- Golf Links Road. A very narrow road, in a bad state of repair and only 1 car width.
- Newmarket Road A very busy road with solar panels on each side at E24, E25, E26 and E28

It is difficult to see how Sunnica can get access to each of the 3 sites for HGVs often with load overhang.

It is also noted that in Golf Links road at the Eastern tip of E32 at the border of the A11 it is 11.5 miles to the Substation at Burwell for the grid connection via Worlington, Freckenham, Fordham.

Worlington village has a population of approx. 500 people. The village is dominated by the Royal Worlington Golf Club. This is probably the best 9 hole golf course in the UK, with the first round of golf being played there in 1890.

In the village itself there is evidence of settlement both from the Roman and Saxon periods. Extensive finds of pottery, artefacts and coins have been found in the surrounding fields. These are housed in the Moyes Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds.

Sunnica have never provided any logical reason for choosing part of their solar proposal in Worlington bearing in mind it is the furthest point from the grid connection.

They must not be allowed to change this historic village and surrounding fields of food producing crops into an industrial complex.

End of note.