

Dear Sunnica Planning Inspectorate,

11th November 2022

My Unique Number: 20030556

I have heard nothing so far to change my mind of OBJECTING to this Sunnica solar farm scheme on approximately 2,700 acres of arable farmland.

In addition to my previous comments to you, I write as follows.

Given the carbon footprint that would be used to manufacture the battery storage units and vast number of solar panels for this scheme along with the transportation of them to this country and all that goes with constructing this scheme during the estimated 2 plus year time frame; because of these hidden factors, this scheme will arguably produce little or no green energy over its given life expectancy.

I am aware that electricity is a very important part of our lives these days, and the need to find ways to produce clean electricity, but if we have insufficient water and land to grow enough food for our growing population, WE HAVE NO LIFE. We should not be putting our nation at FUTURE RISK of being held to ransom for food as has happened recently with Ukraine's exports being embargoed.

Traffic disruption during the construction phase, will create mayhem on local narrow 'B' and unclassified roads, where it is already impossible for a car to pass oncoming Lorries, without driving up onto rough grass verges.

With the expected massive increase in vehicle movements around our villages to construct this scheme, creating mayhem in the process, Pedestrian safety should be paramount, prioritising over all construction traffic at all times during the development and lifetime along with adequate speed limit controls being included within the scheme .

A decommissioning binding agreement should be written into any permission should it be granted, before any construction is allowed to start. The burden of cost for the decommissioning of this scheme whenever that may be should not be ALLOWED TO REST WITH FUTURE GENERATIONS.

I received a letter on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to my address but titled to, "The Resident", signed by Mr Luke Murray, with no address to reply too, with regard to changes to the DCO application along with details of the two public exhibition events, and also stating, *we will consider feedback received and submit a request to make changes to our application to the EA.*

I was vexed to find that Mr Murray's letter was dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 which was 7 days after the start of the then relevant consultation.

I sent my reply on 27<sup>th</sup> June, within the set time limit, and used the address given in the Sunnica pamphlet, marking the envelope and letter for the attention of Mr Luke Murray. My letter was critical of the short time frame for consultation and also requested more information, to date I have not received a reply from Mr Murray or Sunnica.

While attending a public exhibition at Chippenham Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 with regard changes to Sunnica's DCO application, I read on one of the display boards the following: *We are making these changes because we want to minimise unacceptable impacts to the local community and environment as a result of the scheme.*

I found this statement somewhat ironic given the inevitable unacceptable impact this scheme would have, with the loss of vegetation, disruption to local wildlife and their habitats, byways, highways and on villagers' and their communities.

I am suspicious that this scheme is more than totally about meeting part of the government's requirement for clean electricity production.

Conjecture it may be, but If planning should be granted I would be surprised if the scheme is not auctioned off by Sunnica to the 'city's highest bidder, who would have little interest or empathy for the areas of this scheme other than making money.

As an Island nation we should be encouraging investment to develop the use of water resources surrounding our islands and new build roofs to produce clean electricity before we use anymore agricultural land for solar farms.

With the UK governments' intention of being carbon neutral by 2050; why have they NOT reformed Building Regulations to take account of all new build roofs potential for clean electricity production? To still be leaving the onus on Builders whether to fit solar panels or suitable wind turbines on all new build roofs, MAKES NO SENSE.