

**Mildenhall High Town Council Written Impact Statement concerning the proposed Sunnica  
Energy Farm Development**

**General information**

**Attached to this document is a map of the area of Mildenhall and a map of the proposed Sunnica development.**

Mildenhall has a population of 15,422 (est. 2020) with an area of 8.8 squared kilometers. Most of the population density is condensed within a 1.8 squared kilometers area. This is growing at 1.5% per annum.

This is evenly split at 7,733 male and 7,689 female.

The age group split is:

- 0-9 – 2,753
- 10-19 – 1,768
- 20-29 – 2,170
- 30-39 – 2,111
- 40-49 – 1,479
- 50-59 – 1,754
- 60-69 – 1,462
- 70-76 – 1,256
- 80+ - 766

Most of the population of working age work outside of the town and due to the lack of a train station either catch buses or drive.

The Town Council did not conduct a Parish Survey concerning Sunnica, but instead opted to support the views of the Parish Council Alliance who formed to provide a forum for people's views in the wider area.

**General Objections:**

**Mildenhall High Town Council has specifically objected to** the size and scale of the Scheme, the impact to the landscape and industrialise the area, that the development will negatively impact traffic in the area, concerns over safety of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and the lack of benefit for the local community.

The Town Council also notes and supports the views raised by other local Councils concerning poor consultation by Sunnica throughout the whole consultation process, loss of productive Agricultural land which may never be returned to a rural area and doubts over the green carbon neutral claims of the developers.

### **Specific points for Mildenhall High Town Council**

Whilst Mildenhall will not directly see any of its Public Rights of Way impacted the Town Council believes that people come to the area to live due to its rural environment and community which is connected by farmland and associated public rights of way.

The proposed scale of this development will fundamentally and permanently change the natural landscape and the ability for local people and tourists to enjoy the amenity this provides.

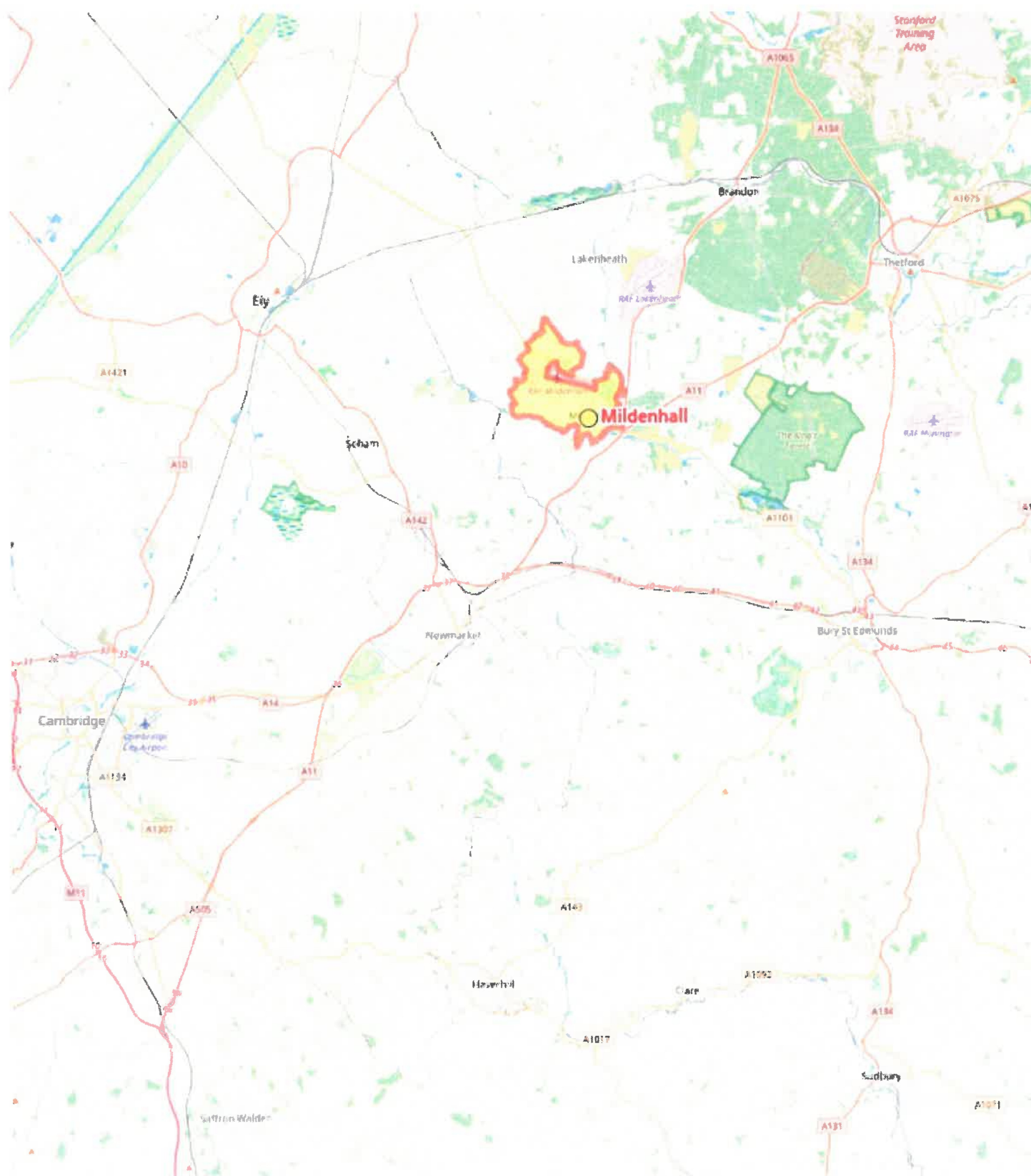
Essentially the area would become industrialised and people will be unable to enjoy the natural and built environment, including historic views, and the land itself may be damaged for generations.

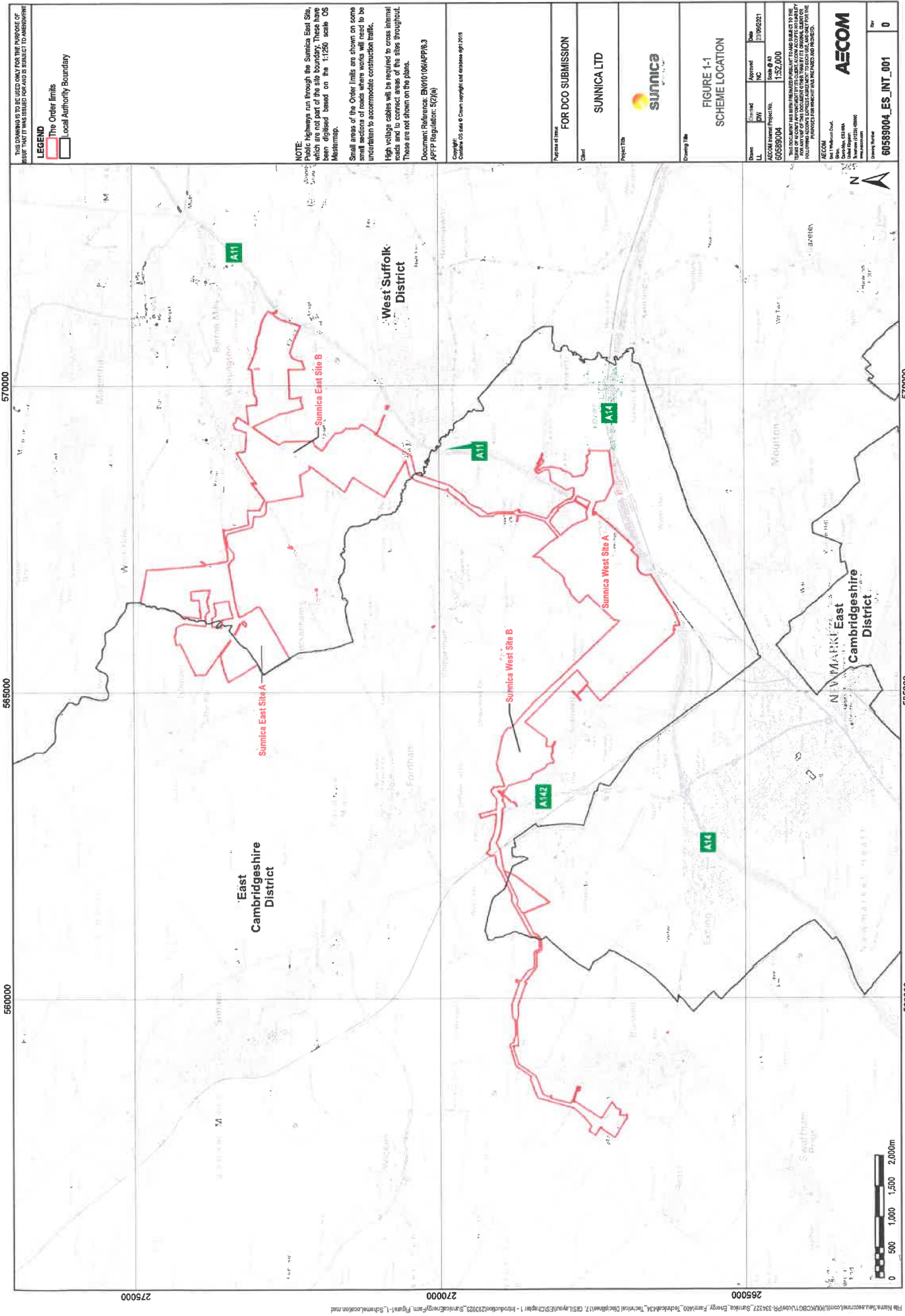
The length of time it will take to build this power station will change the lives of the people within its scope and that of people moving through it. These people chose to live in a rural area and not in a built up and industrialised zone.

It is feared that people will simply avoid the area whenever possible leading to social isolation, lack of other essential infrastructure development such as shops and leisure facilities and the villages within its scope would be set into a terminal decline with people moving away or simply opting not to move to the area.

The construction of the development will have a detrimental effect on all local residents with building materials, dust, hazardous chemicals and extensive HGVs regularly travelling through the area.

### **Mildenhall High Town Council – August 2022**





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**LEGEND**  
The Order limits  
Local Authority Boundary

**NOTE:**  
Public highways run through the Sunnica East Site, which are not part of the site boundary. These have been digitised based on the 1:1250 scale OS Mastermap.  
Small areas of the Order limits are shown on some small sections of roads where works will need to be undertaken to accommodate construction traffic.  
High voltage cables will be required to cross internal roads and to connect areas of the site throughout. These are not shown on the plans.  
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SCHEME LOCATION

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