

Comments on Published Written Consultations

I have read a large selection of the response letters and note 2 items of major concern, which are:

- Land use; and
- BESS Installations.

The first item of concern focuses on Land use, the grading of the land and the fact all the acreage proposed by Sunnica is food-producing land. There are also concerns on the scale of the development as the 2,800 acres is so widespread and affects so many villages.

The second item of major concern is the 3 BESS installations which are dangerous, as confirmed by the many fires and explosions globally. Therefore, residents have every right to be concerned about fire and explosion and the risk of toxic plumes. I also note there are reports by academics which highlight these concerns which I trust will be duly addressed by the Planning Inspectors.

Also noted from my reading is the way in which Sunnica have negotiated with one landowner and business known as La Hoque. There appears to be a very arrogant and threatening attitude by the applicant to gain land or rights over land by way of Compulsory Purchase.

It also appears to me in reading other documents, aside from the Written Consultations, that it may be the case that the original plan presented in 2019 was designed around Compulsory Purchase. This even applies to the connection to the National Grid at Burwell where Option No 1 was deleted from the DCO at the request of the National Grid's lawyers.

I note that even Option No 2 relies completely on Compulsory Purchase.

For ease of reference, I refer to Page 16 of the examination publication online: Joanna Reeks, Interested Party No 20030923; and Page 23: R F Tilbrook and Sons (Heather Tilbrook) IOD 11927.

I am aware of the Funding Statement, as presented in the DCO, and the accounts that the applicant has provided and share the concerns of others such as "The Say No To Sunnica Action Group Ltd" Written Consultation which emphasises their concerns on the ability of the Applicant to cover their financial and legal requirements on Compulsory Purchase, as outlined in the Planning Act.

I wish my above comments to be taken into consideration in the decision-making process for this NSIP Application by Sunnica Energy Farm.

Kind regards,

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