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To: Sunnica Energy Farm

Subject: Environment Agency (20031305) written submission for Issue Specific Hearing 3

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Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam,

Through discussions with the applicant we have resolved the issues previously raised in our Relevant Representation. We therefore do not consider it necessary to attend Issue Specific Hearing 3 and submit the attached as our written submission to inform the hearing.

Kind regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER - SUNNICA ENERGY FARM - WRITTEN SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FOR ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING 3

Through discussions with the applicant we have resolved the issues previously raised in our Relevant Representation. We therefore do not consider it necessary to attend Issue Specific Hearing 3 and submit the following as our written submission to inform the hearing.

We find the following documents acceptable and can confirm that these documents address all the flood risk issues we raised in our Relevant Representation:

- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) Addendum (ref. EN010106/APP/8.67 Appendix 9C Flood Risk Assessment Addendum, dated 7 December 2022, Rev00)
- FRA Technical Note included in Annex C of the FRA Addendum (dated 5 December 2022, Rev 05)
- Statement of Common Ground (ref. EN010106/APP/8.14, dated 7 December 2022, Rev 01)

We understand that the above documents will be submitted at Deadline 4.

The FRA Addendum must be listed as a certified document in Schedule 10, along with the FRA included in the environmental statement, as we find the flood risk assessment for this development acceptable subject to the inclusion of this FRA Addendum.

We request that Requirement 6(2) is altered to state 'flood risk assessment' only, with removal of the wording 'appendix 16D of the environmental statement'. We also request that the 'flood risk assessment' set out in Schedule 10 includes reference to both the FRA contained in the environmental statement (ref. EN010106/APP/6.2 Appendix 9C) and the Flood Risk Assessment Addendum (ref. EN010106/APP/8.67 Appendix 9C).

We find the solar farm development acceptable subject to the above and the inclusion of Requirements 6 and 14 set out in the draft DCO, along with our Protective Provisions being duly placed in the approved DCO.

We hope this information is helpful. If there are any specific queries from the hearing we will answer these in writing as soon as practicable.

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