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In addition to my speech in notes when speaking I was asked to clarify the reference made to a Cranfield Univ report. This can be found here

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Kind regards

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Dear inspectors

The following is my speech given in person last Friday. I had to cut short so you may welcome the words I hoped to speak.

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My apologies

The text of my speech is as follows

Sunnica hearing

Good morning and thanks for this opportunity to speak today.

I am a proud County Councillor for Isleham, resident of the village for 26 years having emigrated from Soham where I was raised. I am the father of two daughters, married to Sarah and grand father of [REDACTED], who have been lucky to also to live in our wonderful village. My wife and eldest daughter are employed in the very school mentioned [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where they teach our children of the village and local area. Yes they follow a curriculum but also life lessons of good and bad, right and wrong and local history. I cannot comprehend how they will explain this industrial site creation on their doorsteps to these children, and explain why it was allowed to happen!

It may come as a surprise but I have been known to cycle around the area, admittedly in numerous repeated failed weight loss attempts, and up until a short while ago kept a motor cruiser boat on our wonderful River Lark. So my views today are as an active village resident and an elected local official, extremely proud of our home and surrounding area, our village and the most amazing community I've known.

My first point has been made repeatedly this week but I'd like it noted again about the terrible Inaccuracy of Data throughout this process and the lack of consultation from the applicant, particularly for Isleham. You can fool some of the people some of the time but all of us for forty years, I don't think so.

My next point is actual Impact on landscape which is beyond imagination. For my boat journeys on the Lark for a welcome pint at Jude's Ferry, family riverside walks and my cycle trips to cross bridge from where I'd choose which direction to explore thereafter, which I admit was normally the back wind one, the reality is for at least the next decade or two, and for forty years, these views will be totally impaired, changed for man made structures such as 10m high sub stations. Forty years will see me out but will hopefully be less than 50% of my grandchildren's lives, that will change and not for the better. How do I explain to these two wonderful but small human beings why this is happening?

As a CCC Member I used to lead the county council environmental team and as result my personal education in that time in carbon, farm management, and more has been

huge. And now we have a Cranfield University report that states this industrial complex exercise will not be carbon neutral in forty years! So what's the point other than to make money? Whilst I hold no personal malice towards any land owner involved This is no more than a get rich project for Sunnica and we all know it!

In my county roles I had the pleasure of working with NIAB and the RSPB. We have greatly supported tree planting but it must be the right tree in the right place. Ground nesting birds are all over this area, this site and adjacent to it. With the growth of prey birds the environmental impact of planting fast growing screen trees will potentially impact the natural order in and around our village and the whole site.

Looking at construction and management at points in the plan I worry about the impact of 800+ staff vehicles per day. I fear localised Fly parking and air quality impact through construction, the traffic through our narrow villages. Just in the last hot and dry summer imagine the dust impact from such a period of so many vehicle movements. You can and should imagine it but We live here!

Next point has been made but I'd like to offer an additional option. This is the statement that 96.2% of local land is poor quality farmland. We all know this is highly inaccurate but could be easily fixed. I would ask Why can we not simply arrange for the Applicant and opposition to be allowed to retest soil together. Simple solution as they could oversee the actions of each other. My additional option is to share with the opposition the crop rotations of the farms involved in the site, over the last 20 years and the subsequent yields? Mr Wright gave his views from his adjacent farm and I'm confident that these will show results not found in poor quality soil and added to the shared soil research would accurately answer this extremely shady area of the consultation.

I will conclude my short time by saying that a 40 year project is not temporary. I'm born, raised, schooled, and elected by great people in East Cambs. With our friends and neighbours from West Suffolk this industrial project has so many questions to give so few answers I'm worried about the future for our grandchildren [REDACTED]. Green washing projects are not and can never be the way to credibly improve our growing need for power. Yes to solar in the right location and the right size. Let me be clear for me that this is simply not a soundbite. I'm talking about Solar sites like the CCC site in North Angle farm in neighbouring Soham that I led from instruction for CCC until May 2021. This 30mw solar farm has almost zero impact to residents, supports other local environmental projects and fits the surrounding area. This is the like of what we should be building. It works, is safe, is of significant size to produce energy, but not so large as to impact on locals and is locally supported. Sunnica in this scale, size, impact and manor of approach can not be the answer to energy needs and should not pose so many questions. So I conclude that for excellent Say no to Sunnica group, residents and local businesses and for the sake of my grandchildren and all those to come. Please Say no to Sunnica