

**NOTICE PUBLICISING PROPOSED CHANGES TO
A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION
THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

SUNNICA ENERGY FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Sunnica Limited (“Sunnica”, “the Applicant”) of 2 Crossways Business Centre, Bicester Road, Kingswood, Aylesbury HP18 0RA is publicising its proposals to make changes to its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Sunnica Energy Farm (the “Application”). The Application (Reference No. EN010106) was accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“Secretary of State”) on 16 December 2021. The Examining Authority (ExA) was appointed on 8 March 2022 to examine the Application and the Preliminary Meeting was held on 28 September 2022. The Examination is due to close by 28 March 2023. After the Examination has closed, the ExA will submit a report to the Secretary of State who will then make the decision on whether or not to grant the DCO.

On 28 November 2022 Sunnica notified the ExA of its intention to seek changes to the Application. This notification has been accepted into the Examination and has been given the Examination Library reference REP3A-037. The Changes Application will be submitted to the Examination on 13 January 2023.

This notice is therefore drawing attention to this forthcoming changes application to enable interested parties to seek to participate in the examination of those changes once they are submitted.

Summary of changes sought

Sunnica is seeking to make the following changes to its Application:

- Change 1: the removal of Burwell Grid Connection Extension Option 2 from the Application;
- Change 2: the removal of Sunnica West Site B from the Application;
- Change 3: the creation of an exclusion zone around the crater impact of the crash site of a B-50 aircraft at Sunnica East Site A from solar development, and
- Change 4: an extension to one of the proposed archaeological mitigation areas within Sunnica West Site A.

Summary of the Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel arrays, a Battery Energy Storage System and supporting infrastructure, which together comprise Sunnica Energy Farm (or “the Scheme”).

The Scheme is located in West Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire. A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed at the following link: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010106/EN010106-001879-SEF_ES_6.3_Figure%201-1%20Scheme%20Location.pdf

Development consent is required as the development is or forms part of a nationally significant infrastructure project as it is an onshore generating station in England with a proposed capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).

Further information

The document outlining the changes [REP3A-037] can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the ‘Downloads’ page of Sunnica’s Sunnica Energy Farm website:

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This is accompanied by four plans detailing the proposed changes which are also available at the above link.

If you require these documents to be supplied in hard copy, this can be provided free of charge on request via email info@sunnica.co.uk, by writing to Sunnica Energy Farm, FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL or by telephone on 0808 168 7925.