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To: NI Enquiries <NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Sunnica Industrial Power Station OFH2

Dear Sir/Madam,

Interested Party reference number: **20030094**

 I have just managed to view the video of the OFH2 meeting and felt the need to respond.

Similar to my response to OFH2

The applicant did a good job trying to respond to the points made by the MP's public and councillors, however having listened to the points raised I feel its time to end this application now.

The applicant still fails to even outline the scheme properly. Nowhere has the applicant committed the numbers for the volume of panels, number of Shipping containers, number of batteries, etc and has given many "details" that are unrealistic. Such things as completing the **phased** construction in two years are simply unbelievable to anyone who has been involved with major projects of this size.

The points raised particularly by the MP's, councillors who have professional knowledge, experience and duty of care and professionalism are, in my view, sufficient to stop this application in its tracks. There is an enormous amount of money, time, heartache, and effort being expended on an inappropriate scheme. Most people are in favour of green energy production that is properly planned and implemented in appropriate areas; again no one (except the proposer) spoke up for the scheme at this meeting. Indeed there are doubts expressed about the green credentials of the scheme as well. I also doubt that the land will ever be returned to agriculture as the need for power will only increase and already the applicant has stated publicly that underground infrastructure will never be removed. To confirm my view the fact that this application is being used to take away existing protection under laws of the land indicates that in subsequent planning applications any provisions in the DCO could and almost certainly would be changed. This application will change the land use permanently.

There are many points that could be made at the meeting but the limited times allowed of 5 or 10 minutes were far too short to explore just one of the subjects, the contributors were hassled to keep to their allotted slots even though the meeting finished lunchtime and could have gone on all afternoon.

In addition I noted that no one from Mildenhall spoke at the hearings. I am a resident of Mildenhall and echo most of the comments made by the public and professional in opposition. There are additional points to make from Mildenhall's point of view.

1) Mildenhall is one of the main hubs for the residents of the villages. There is a large amount of traffic and connections to and from Mildenhall from the villages.

1a) The construction traffic will affect Mildenhall residents who travel through the villages to work, for leisure (as I do, pubs, village hall, Garden centre) or (as I do) on the school run e.g. to and from Fordham.

1b) The 5 ways upgrade will be redirecting traffic along these roads so any DCO should

insist that these do not coincide.

- 2) there are other major work proposed for water, electricity and traffic reasons and the combination of these if timed incorrectly could bring the area to a standstill.
- 3) there is a major expansion of Mildenhall proposed, this is known as the Western Mildenhall development. This is going through consultations and planning as we speak and this would increase the population of Mildenhall by 3,000-5,000 and again increase the connections to the villages.
- 4) Mildenhall was never consulted by the applicant. No letters were delivered and my knowledge of the development has been purely by interacting with Fordham residents.
- 5) There is a fire station in Mildenhall and any accident on the development would necessitate Mildenhall crews attendance.
- 6) Mildenhall air base is becoming more significant as the war in Ukraine drags on, and should it escalate into a NATO war then Mildenhall airbase would be critical to the war.
- 7) The A11/A14 is a major artery in our road infrastructure at Mildenhall and fires, smoke and toxic gas could close these roads even if a small fire occurred.

I could go on and on...

I know that you are required to follow the requirements of the legislation but please also apply real world intelligence and save us all from this potential fiasco of waste and threat of ruining our country one scheme at a time. There was a debate in the House of Commons (land use strategy) (Large Solar) that you should have as evidence.

Please use the resources of the examining body to proactively seek out the evidence rather than simply looking at what others have submitted.

Stop Sunnica now please.

Best Regards

Nick Harvey

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