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Dear Sirs

**Re: EN010106 - Sunnica DCO - The Environment Agency - Lands Negotiation**

Dalcour Maclaren are the duly appointed agent acting for and on behalf of the Environment Agency as the landowner of the Burwell Lode which the cable for this Sunnica Development will be crossing.

We would like to set out to the Planning Inspectorate the difficulties we have faced in negotiating the voluntary agreement with Sunnica, most of all we are struggling with a response to our comments on the Heads of Terms agreement.

We last had a meeting with Sunnica where we reviewed comments both sides had made on the voluntary Heads of Terms agreement on the 3 March 2022. We have chased for a response to those comments by email on the 17 March, 5 May, 20 June and 13 September, 29 November and now the 6 January.

My client, the Environment Agency, has some concerns that Sunnica will be granted rights to use powers of compulsory acquisition over their land, but they have not engaged meaningfully to try and secure these rights voluntarily.

Additionally, whilst it is understood that comments on professional fees should not form part of a Development Consent Order process, my client is incurring fees on this matter which have not been settled by Sunnica. This is a now becoming cause for concern for my client.

We can confirm that our client's Statement of Common Ground will be updated accordingly to set out the lack of engagement in the response to the voluntary agreement.

It would be appreciated if the Planning Inspectorate could be mindful of the lack of engagement Sunnica are showing to the voluntary agreement process and we would like the Planning Inspectorate's help to get Sunnica to re-enter this negotiation so we can settle the voluntary agreement in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

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