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Subject: Sunnica EN010106 Baseline Soil Sampling
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Dear Sirs

Sunnica – EN010106

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On behalf of the Parish and Town Councils' Alliance we write to ask that the Baseline Soil Report submitted by Daniel Baird Soil Consultants (DBSC) APP -115 is verified by a joint soil sampling of Sunnica East Site A with representatives of Sunnica and Say No To Sunnica working together.

We are concerned about the methods used and conclusions reached by the report. We live in the area and see the fields perform year on year and do not accept that DBSC can only have found 1% Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land across the whole Sunnica site. We have looked at the Natural England Predictive BMV plan which shows over 83% of the Sunnica site is 60% or more likely to be BMV. This coincides with what we as locals see happening in the fields during the year - high quality and high yielding crops being grown and harvested.

We do not understand why Sunnica and the six landowners who have land in the scheme, are refusing access to the land for the resampling of the soil. Sunnica claim the DBSC report is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with professional guidance so any resampling should only confirm the report's findings.

We have been shown the decision of the Ripon Inspector in a case where DBSC were retained to provide a soil survey. The Inspector was not complimentary about the rigour of the DBSC work or the conclusions reached and we do not want a similar situation occurring with the Sunnica report.

We hope you will understand these valid concerns and act accordingly by instructing a resampling in the first instance of Sunnica East Site A.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Maxwell

On behalf of the Parish and Town Council Alliance

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