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Dear Mr Kean,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm

Thank you for your letter dated 1st February in which you requested submission of various documents as a matter of urgency. Following work by the project team, we are able to submit the following documents:

Document	Reason
Biodiversity Position Statement in advance of Second Hearings;	As requested by the Rule 17 letter
LVIA Position Statement in advance of Second Hearings;	As requested by the Rule 17 letter
Crash site exclusion area plan [EN010106/8.89]	As requested by the Rule 17 letter
Potential expanded crash site exclusion area plan [EN010106/8.90]	As requested by the Rule 17 letter
Draft Protective Provisions for the benefit of the local highways authorities.	The Applicant is in the process of agreeing details of traffic matters with the Councils (including, for example, caps on HGV numbers at accesses), following a recent meeting with them and the number of comments on the document that have been made at Deadline 6. Alongside this, there are a number of matters in respect of the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan ('OCTMP') which may be better suited to being dealt with through a separate agreement with the Councils. At the time of

	<p>writing, progress has not been as fast on agreeing a Side Agreement with the local authorities as all parties would like, although all parties are understood to be agreed on the need to make expeditious progress now with a view to concluding agreements prior to the close of the examination. As such, given the time remaining in Examination, the Applicant has drafted the attached Protective Provisions, to cover the issues that were proposed to be contained within that Side Agreement. The Applicant has not had the opportunity to discuss the detail of the draft protective provisions with the local highway authorities before submitting them to the examination, although it is anticipated that discussions will proceed in parallel.</p> <p>In light of this, and acknowledging that the authorities will want to consider these Protective Provisions, the Applicant has determined that it will not be submitting an updated OCTMP at this stage, and will do so at Deadline 7 to best reflect what has been able to be agreed with the Councils.</p>
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The project team is finalising the Hedgerow Plan, as requested by the Rule 17 letter and will submit it as early as possible next week.

In respect of your query about ‘details of cable crossing across Chippenham Avenue’, I can confirm that this information was set out in REP05-060, where it was stated that *“The Applicant has confirmed that there will be no physical harm to the designated asset as a result of the scheme. The proposed access route and cable route will be positioned to the north of the existing tree belt. There is an existing hard standing access route which will be utilised for access where feasible, should any widening be required it will be achieved without excavation and will maintain a minimum 1m from any tree stem position. The cable will be installed via Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) or equivalent to avoid physical impacts to the avenue (and trees located on it)”*. These measures have been included in the latest updates to the Framework CEMP.

Following the comments it made at Deadline 6, the Applicant is unfortunately unable to submit Updated ES Appendix 10I - Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (OLEMP) [EN010106/APP/6.2], Updated Environmental Master Plan (Zoomed Out) [EN010106/APP/8.47] or Updated Environmental Master Plan (Zoomed In) [EN010106/APP/8.77] in advance of the hearings. This is because additional time is needed to update the documents in response to stakeholders’ Deadline 6 submissions and in

response to points discussed with stakeholders in the Applicant's landscape and ecology meeting that was held on 31st January. This meeting was programmed for the week commencing 23rd January as set out in the Deadline 6 Cover Letter **[REP6-001]** but was moved to 31st January in order to accommodate a late change in the availability of a crucial stakeholder group. The Applicant intends to therefore submit these documents at Deadline 7, when they will also be able to account for discussion in relation to the Schedule of Changes at the Hearings and the comments of the LPAs that have been submitted at Deadline 6 on these documents. In any event, it is noted that the Position Statements appended to this letter indicate the Applicant's current position on mitigation measures that would be incorporated in any event into the OLEMP and Environmental Masterplan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Murray', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Luke Murray
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