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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the proposed Sunnica Energy Farm Development Consent Order ("the Application") made by Sunnica Limited ("Sunnica") to the Secretary of State for Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 The order, if granted, would authorise Sunnica to construct, operate (including maintain) and decommission a ground mounted solar farm across Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B and Sunnica West Site A. The Scheme includes the following key components:
- a. Solar PV modules;
  - b. PV module mounting structures;
  - c. Inverters;
  - d. Transformers;
  - e. Switchgear;
  - f. Onsite cabling (including high and low voltage cabling);
  - g. One or more BESS (expected to be formed of lithium ion batteries storing electrical energy) on Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A;
  - h. An electrical compound comprising a substation and control building (Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A only);
  - i. Office/warehouse (Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B only)
  - j. Fencing and security measures;
  - k. Drainage;
  - l. Internal access roads and car parking;
  - m. Landscaping including habitat creation areas; and
  - n. Construction laydown areas.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and/or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.4 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process

of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

## 1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Sunnica as the Applicant and (2) Burwell Parish Council.

1.2.2 Sunnica is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated in December 2013 to construct, operate, and decommission the Sunnica Energy Farm.

1.2.3 Burwell Parish Council is an interested party to the Examination of the Application.

1.2.4 Collectively Sunnica and Burwell Parish Council are referred to as 'the parties'.

## 1.3 Terminology

1.3.1 In the tables in the Issues chapter of this SoCG:

- a. "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- b. "Not Agreed" indicates a final position of the parties that is not agreed; and
- c. "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

1.3.2 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues chapter of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to Burwell Parish Council's representation and therefore have not been considered in this document.

## 2 Record of Engagement

2.1.1 A summary of engagement between Sunnica and Burwell Parish Council in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Record of Engagement**

| Date       | Form of engagement | Summary of engagement  |
|------------|--------------------|--|
| 29/07/2022 | Email from Sunnica | Issue of first draft SoCG.   |
| 08/08/2022 | Email from Sunnica | Follow up email sent asking if the Parish Council had any questions or would like to arrange a call to discuss the SoCG              |
| 16/09/2022 | Email from Sunnica | Issue of second draft SoCG that summarises the key points and also a request for a meeting to discuss the matters raised.            |
| 07/10/2022 | Email from Sunnica | Follow up email sent asking if the Parish Council had reviewed the SoCG and if it would be possible to arrange a meeting to discuss. |

| Date                          | Form of engagement                                | Summary of engagement  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 07/12/2022<br>–<br>13/12/2022 | Emails between Sunnica and Burwell Parish Council | Agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss SoCG in the new year.   |
| 10/01/2023                    | Email from Sunnica                                | Highlighting the removal of Burwell Substation Extension (Option 2) from the Scheme and issue of revised draft of SoCG to reflect this.  |
| 01/02/2023                    | Email from Burwell Parish Council                 | Confirmed that if the substation extension is removed then the Parish Council's comments regarding the potential for disruption as a result of ground/road works that will need to take place around Burwell no longer stands. |
| 03/02/2023                    | Email from Sunnica                                | Provision of final SoCG for signing by Parish Council.   |

- 2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the engagement between (1) Sunnica and (2) Burwell Parish Council in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG as at the date of this revision of the SoCG.



## 3 Issues

### 3.1 Matters Agreed

3.1.1 **Table 2** below details the matters agreed with Burwell Parish Council.

**Table 2: Matters agreed**

| Topic        | Sub-topic   | Details of Matters Agreed  |
|--------------|---|--|
| Construction | Effects of construction works in the vicinity of Burwell. | The removal of the Burwell Substation Extension (Option 2) from the Scheme alleviates previously raised concerns regarding the potential for disruption as a result of ground/road works in the area, and Burwell Parish Council have no further concerns with regards to the Sunnica Energy Farm DCO application. |

## 3.2 Matters Under Discussion

3.2.1 **Table 3** below details the matters under discussion with Burwell Parish Council.

**Table 3: Matters under discussion**

| Topic | Sub-topic | Details of Matters Under Discussion |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| -     | -         | -                                   |



### 3.3 Matters Not Agreed

3.3.1 **Table 4** below details the matters not agreed with Burwell Parish Council.

**Table 4: Matters not agreed**

| Topic | Sub-topic | Details of Matters Not Agreed |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| -     | -         | -                             |

## 4 Signatures

This Statement of Common Ground is agreed:

**On behalf of Burwell Parish Council:**

Name



PARISH CLERK

Signature



Date

23/2/23

**On behalf of the Applicant:**

Name: Luke Murray

Signature:



Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023