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Dear Sir/Madam

Sunnica EN010106

I have been managing a large farming business that grows combinable and high value crops such as potatoes on the land immediately surrounding the proposed Sunnica site for the last five years. Previously to that I also managed a farming business on comparable Breckland soils a further five miles into Suffolk. Fundamentally, when managed correctly, this is productive agricultural land and most certainly can be considered as BMV land. I am very concerned that Natural England have been supporting Sunnica's claim that only 37 of the 981 hectares can be classed as BMV, they certainly need to re-visit their conclusions and seek independent and up to date re-classification. Land usage in the UK is under immense pressure due to climate change and we are increasingly reliant on resilient and flexible soils such as those surrounding the Sunnica site. I understand that the four Councils have put forward the Rochdale envelope solution which could be a solution.

This is resilient, productive and important agricultural land, it cannot be lost from food production and is most certainly 'BMV'.

Yours faithfully

Jack Smith