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Dear Examiners,

I have made previous personal submissions into this examination, which I stand by and do not want to repeat.

I would, however, like to submit a short note in my personal capacity to confirm my support of the Deadline 10 submissions made by the Say No to Sunnica Action Group Ltd (SNTS) and AG Wright & Son regarding the recent and disturbing position of Natural England (NE).

As an impartial statutory consultee it is essential that NE engages with parties and their evidence in a fair and equal manner. This is not the case with this Sunnica proposal, as is evidenced in submissions made by SNTS and AG Wright & Son.

I know from the many discussions I have had with multiple farming neighbours and friends how high the quality of the soil is in this area and how proud they are to be food producers. I see year in, year out the variety of food crops this area can produce. I am in no doubt that this soil is highly productive and versatile arable farmland and I remain baffled and alarmed at the description of the soil that has been presented by Sunnica Ltd (that this land is 'poor quality') since it is so contrary to everything we know and see here, and so contrary to the reports presented by multiple independent and highly regarded soil experts.

I am therefore most alarmed at Natural England's position with regard to the soil assessments, not least because of the flaws in the methodology adopted by Daniel Baird Soil Consultancy, but also the lack of impartiality that has been shown by NE.

I would be deeply concerned if their views on the soil assessments were given weight in the decision making process.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best regards

Dr Catherine Judkins