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Dear Sir

EN010106
Sunnica

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the proposed Sunnica site. I have lived next to the Sunnica East B site for 20 years and have ridden, walked, and run in the area extensively. I am also familiar with the quality and variety of crops that can be grown in this area as I have worked on local farms during harvest.

I have read the Pinsent Mason letter dated August 10, 2023, and I would like to comment on Point 7. I believe that the soil report submitted by Sunnica is incorrect. It is not possible to survey 924 hectares of land in this area and find less than 1% of best and most versatile land (BMV).

My position is supported by the following information:

- Natural England's predictive mapping
- The Agricultural Land Classification mapping
- The detailed soil series mapping of 1:63,363 and 1:10,560
- Four soil experts, including a Fellow of the British Society of Soil Science

Sunnica's soil report does not comply with the British Society of Soil Science guidelines or the Government's document "Guide to assessing development proposals on agricultural land" (5/02/2021). This allows for the conclusions it reaches to be incorrect.

If Sunnica were confident of the soil report they had submitted, they would have allowed access to the site for other surveys to take place. Despite three requests for access, it was always denied by Sunnica.

As has been the case throughout the examination, Sunnica has failed to address the core issues in Point 7. Why does their Soil Report vary so dramatically from all the established opinion and evidence?

The Secretary of State is now being asked to make a decision on a scheme not knowing how much of it is BMV. All she will know for certain is that there is more than 1%. This is an impossible position to be put in and must lead to the application being refused. You cannot guess BMV.

The Examination process has highlighted so many reasons why the sprawling industrializing Sunnica scheme should be refused. There have to be better schemes to help us reach Net Zero.

I urge you to reject the Sunnica East B proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fergus Wright