

# FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Sir

**Sunnica EN010106**  
**Interested Party no. 20030879**

Freckenham Parish Council have read the Pinsent Masons letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and wish to make the following comments;

2: Battery Energy Storage System Design and Hazardous Substance Consent

Freckenham Parish Council remain very concerned that the details of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) have not been set out, as our parish is within 1 mile of Sunnica East B and we are concerned for our resident's safety.

The council do not understand how this matter which is so fundamental to our resident's safety should be decided after consent has been granted. If consent was granted it should be with the full knowledge of the BESS. It should not be left to the local authorities to deal with BESS matters after consent is granted.

7: Other Matters.

Freckenham Parish Council strongly disagree with the applicant's description of the agricultural land. Freckenham is surrounded by farm land which grows a variety of high-quality vegetables and cereal crops year on year, which as locals, we see these crops growing every day.

We would like you to note the following concerns:

- The applicant's soil survey is incorrect, it identifies 9 hectares of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land, of the 924 hectares surveyed.
- The plan produced by Natural England details that at least 50% of the site is BMV, which is considerably higher than the 0.9% calculated by the applicants' surveyors. The Parish Council believe that this difference should have been looked into in more detail during the examination process and that further soil surveys should have been carried out.
- Based on the above The Secretary of State is being asked to make a decision with incorrect information, 'the Sunnica site contains more than 0.9% BMV'.

We ask that the Secretary of State refuses this application for an inappropriate scheme that will be built on a large area of BMV.

Yours faithfully

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