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Dear Sir

EN010106
Sunnica

I have read the Pinsent Mason letter dated 10 August and would like to take up on point 7 concerning the soil grading. This has become a much discussed and very frustrating issue amongst all of us who have lived in the area as it is quite obvious to us that the proposal that less than 1% of the total land surveyed is BMV is absolutely not correct.

I have lived in Badlingham for [REDACTED] years and have brought [REDACTED] children up here driving, walking and riding bikes and ponies within the 5 mile radius of our home. We have seen crops growing healthily and successfully on the land in issue every single season. We ourselves farm land at Badlingham surrounded by all the broken Sunnica sites and we have discussed particularly the Sunnica East A and B sites with all the local farmers who all know this soil report cannot be true. Indeed, Natural England's predictive mapping contradicts the less than 1% BMV result being suggested by Sunnica.

This has been an ongoing point of contention for months and so three times Sunnica have been asked to allow access to one or more of their sites so that an independent soil survey can be taken - in their presence. During the public hearing week in Newmarket Matt Hancock himself suggested to the inspectorate that Sunnica should allow access - however permission has been refused every time. Sunnica themselves are well aware that this is a strong dispute and so if indeed their soil sampling was most definitely true and correct we all feel they would have allowed our survey to happen and their point could be proven. They have clearly refused permission as they know we will be able to display proof of far more than 1% BMV. Four soil experts including a Fellow of the British Society for Soil would all back up the dispute that the Sunnica soil report is incorrect. We are utterly amazed that Natural England has not queried the Sunnica soil report.

I feel this is such a vital and huge point of the argument against the Sunnica solar scheme. All this land that to date has been successfully farmed should continue to be farmed. Food miles is obviously a crucial concern and a relevant part of the journey to Net Zero. To quote Rishi Sunak in his reply to a question when he came to speak in Newmarket during his leadership campaign 'my answer to you is that you keep every acre that you currently farm being farmed'. Again, Rishi Sunak said at Prime Ministers Questions yesterday (6th September) that ground mounted solar should not be put on the best farmland. BMV is the best farmland and the Sunnica site contains over 50% BMV in truth.

Yours faithfully Lucinda Wright
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