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Good afternoon,

I would like to submit this email to show my opposition to the above development.

I have never been against renewable energy however I am against the the proposal for a solar farm and battery storage at this site.

From the earliest stages of consultation we the residents of the villages that are affected have been largely stonewalled, due to the pandemic all consultations were held online and we were not able to attend face to face meetings, Sunnica representatives flatly refused to re schedule or postpone consultations so that residents who could not attend the on line consultations could attend a consultation in person, many residents are elderly and do not have the use of computers or were confused by the technology that was required to view the consultations on line.

At all stages those that attended on line and asked many questions did not receive direct answers from Sunnica, it appeared that the company had an outline of what they wanted but no substance, filling in all the blanks right up to the recent deadlines,

My concerns are around the size of the planned development, the disruption to local villages during the construction stages and the battery storage systems and the safety of the surrounding area and residents to any accidents with these systems.

The area has a natural beauty and ecosystem that is thriving and this would be destroyed at least in part if not nearly completely by this planned development.

This whole development is far to big in its current form, it will have a detrimental effect on the villages, roads (many of which are no more than single lane tracks that would be used by huge lorries and cranes along with work vans) around the area, wildlife and views across the land will changed for ever, and the lives of the residents will become a living hell until it is completed.

We have no faith that Sunnica had or has the best interests of the villages and their residents in mind, the plans changed from a solar farm to a battery storage complex with a solar farm attached.

Storage of electricity that is purchased from the grid and then sold back to the grid when required at a higher price does to me not seem to be part of completely green energy, the battery storage is not completely free of faults as seen in fires at other sites both in the uk and internationally in the recent past.

In the event of a fire the toxic gases released will have a serious impact on local residents both young and old, Sunnica when asked about the event of an incident of this nature answered that it was all but impossible with the safety features that would be in place, the Titanic was deemed unsinkable but we all know what happened there!!!.

I am also concerned about the lack of information that Sunnica was able to supply on the consultation deadlines often asking for time extensions, surely with a development of this size you would expect plans and answers to be fully developed by the deadlines.

Suffolk County Council have stated at recent meetings that the proposals and plans put forward by Sunnica were by far the worst that have ever been submitted. If our MP's and council have no faith in the plans how can we as local people have any faith in the plans and proposals as well.

The area is primarily arable land, with what is currently happening in world today I would suggest that food is more important than our need for renewable energy at this time, WE CANNOT EAT ELECTRICITY.

I feel that as a company Sunnica have entered this with little or no foresight for what is proposed, they show a lack of respect and decency for the residents and our rights to proper consultation, a total disregard to the health

and safety of the surrounding communities (Mildenhall, Newmarket and Soham) which are becoming highly developed.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPad