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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: Sunnica - SoS Consultation
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Dear Sir

Sunnica EN010106

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Chippenham Parish Council has read the Pinsent Masons letter dated 10th August 2023 and wish to comment as follows:

Point 2: Battery Energy Storage System Desing and Hazardous Substance Consent.

Chippenham Parish is within 1 mile of Sunnica East B. We remain extremely concerned that the details of the BESS have not been set out. We do not understand how a matter which is so fundamental to our safety should be decided after consent has been granted. If consent was granted it should be with the full knowledge of the BESS. It cannot be left to the local authorities to deal with BESS matters after consent is granted.

Point 7: Other Matters.

Chippenham is surrounded by farms producing a range of high quality vegetable and cereal crops every year. We see these crops growing every day when we walk, bike or drive through the countryside. We have consistently disagreed with the applicants description of the agricultural land and would like to raise the following concerns:

1. The applicants soil survey of 924 hectares only identifies 9 hectares of Best and most versatile (BMV) land. This is incorrect.
2. We have seen the plan produced by Natural England which predicts that at least 50% of the site is BMV. We believe that this large difference should have been looked at more thoroughly during the examination process and a further soil survey should have been done as we suggested.
3. The Secretary of State is being asked to make a decision based on 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 rural countryside and productive agricultural land.

Yours



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