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My concern has always been the size of this application. As I have said before Suffolk has a good record for helping local businesses to use green energy they produce themselves. This is the way forward, solar panels wherever possible on rooftops, together with smaller battery storage sites, not these large sites.

- Sunnica's soil assessments/ ALC. The present method of grading and qualifying soil quality is known to be out of date so the assessments from Sunnica should not be accepted at face value. If crops are being grown successfully, using winter rain from reservoirs for irrigation during the growing season then surely the soil is not poor quality? Why should this method of irrigation be disregarded? Farmers in Suffolk are at the forefront of a revolution in modern farming practices to improve the soil. If you haven't heard of regenerative farming then please investigate. This is the way to improved soils, better food production and keeping our wildlife. It will eventually be the way forward, using no or hardly any fertilizer and pesticides. The amount produced will be less than with intensive farming so losing land to projects which have debatable green credentials because of production and disposal is not such a good idea for the future.
- Isleham's military bomber crash site. Local people's views should be taken into consideration. An accessible memorial should be on this site as there is in many other locations.
- Stone curlew impacts. Sunnica uses the response from Natural England who do not appear to be specialists on Stone Curlews. Reading the RSPB web site about trying to save the Stone Curlew nesting sites is far more informative, so I do not believe only Government bodies should be consulted and their views carry more weight than the real experts and local people who are trying to save this endangered species in England..
- Lithium ion battery storage compounds. These have well-known fire risks and the fire services throughout the world do not seem to have enough knowledge to give advice on the fire safety requirements. How can Hazardous Substances Consent be given to such a large storage area with so little knowledge? And how can you agree an application when the type of battery isn't being stipulated in the application? To me this decision should not be left to later when the applicant will not have to give more detail on safety, this is a serious flaw in the process.
- Yes, we have a looming crisis in climate change but schemes like this are a knee jerk reaction to the problem. A way to possibly produce electricity for a few years but without careful consideration as to the future and the long term damage that will be caused. In a few years we will be awash with old solar panels and wind turbines where the most valuable parts cannot be recycled because this area has had a lack of investment. Why have Sunnica and other previous large schemes been allowed to get away with a generalised statement that they will return the site to its original state when the solar panels and batteries are at the end of their life? There should a very detailed plan on what will be done with every part of the construction, how the land will be returned back to farmland (that is if it ever is) and a plan in case the

firms go bankrupt leaving everyone else to deal with the mess.