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Dear Sir,

It is incredible how the Sunnica Team are trying to down-play the worth (in terms of valuable food production) of the land that they wish to cover. As a local farmer, who is following his grand-father and his grand-father's grand-father, I can assure you that the agricultural land in this area is extremely productive for both cereals and root crops. However, it is true that yields have more or less doubled since my grandad's day due to several factors including improvements in crop protection products, nutritional aids, plant breeding advances and, for some crops, the availability of irrigation. On farm reservoirs are filled during periods of high rainfall, when other agencies may be struggling to deal with excess (and thus mitigate flood risk), and the water used when required by the crops - a "win win". It seems absolutely bizarre for the assessment for the land to be based on some arbitrary criteria from the 1960's with no account given to progress over time. Are we stuck in a particular time period, never to move on, a bit like the Amish community in America? I'd like to ask how good the solar panels were 50 years ago. It would be interesting to see Sunnica try to make their case if they had to use those performance figures!

Kind regards,
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