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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: Sunnica Planning application
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Dear sir/madam,

When planning applications are submitted, some are good, and some are ill thought out and unsuitable. The Sunnica scheme is one such scheme that is not suitable to be built because it is unsuitable for the site that they have chosen and so should be dismissed. Even at this late stage they have still not made all of their plans be known, they have failed to engage with the people who would have to live in the middle of the scheme should it be approved.

The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) that they intend to build is made up of three power stations, consisting of hundreds of shipping container sized batteries, that will store more energy than can be generated on the site alone and they intend to buy cheaper energy produced at night from the national grid (probably from fossil fuel power stations) and sell it on to the grid for profit. This is not a green scheme or carbon neutral at all and what is even more shocking is that they are asking you to pass the planning before they disclose the exact design and safety too.

You cannot fail to be aware of the devastating issues with lithium Batteries catching fire in E Bikes on the increase and yet they are asking you to allow hundreds of these huge batteries in 77 acres, just outside our villages and schools. The suppression units contained in these batteries cannot put out the fires and so they should not be put anywhere near our villages.

We moved from London to a village on the outskirts of Cambridge [REDACTED] in 2004 we moved to Isleham to enjoy a more rural environment [REDACTED] We moved away from industrialisation in London and now face living in the middle of an industrial area in the countryside which is far worse. This will destroy the family life we have built up here and will have to move away should this scheme be allowed to proceed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and will be unable to do so in the areas I currently use when out with my dogs like the lime kilns and PROWs I am concerned that the construction period will cause irreversible damage [REDACTED]

We take full advantage of the countryside and nature reserves to walk the dogs and take our grandsons and ride our bikes. The two nature reserves on the outskirts of our village are a wonderful bio-diverse environment that nurtures wildlife, we have stone curlews in the fields and the crash site both of which will be lost under the battery sites and solar panels. The run off from the panels which they have admitted will pollute the chalk aquifer where we get our drinking water. Sunnica has said that this contamination is acceptable levels! This has not been investigated properly and can be Carcinogenic, how many thousands of people would be put at risk?

We commute almost on a daily basis to [REDACTED] and love the variety of the countryside, the wide range of agriculture and seeing the rotation of the different crops throughout the year. With the current situation with food we cannot afford to lose 3,000 acres of productive farmland, which in a survey previously produced for the Ministry of Agriculture described more than 50% as 'Best And Most Versatile' (BMV) which Sunnica would have you believe is only 0.9%.

We Know this is untrue claim about the land is untrue as we often take different routes depending on the time of year, to see my mother and we love seeing the carrot path for the cattle between Chippenham and Red Lodge, the piglets if we go via Worlington and Freckenham along with the wide variety of crops grown in the fields. The boys love to guess what variety is being grown in the fields and they love to watch the tractors and combine harvesters. When we drive out of the village towards Chippenham via station Road B1104 we never tire of watching the birds of prey hunting in the fields and catching pigeon's mid-air. Deer often run across the road and foxes too. If you drive out via the back road in twilight you often get a barn owl fly alongside the car using the headlights

and vibration to hunt its prey with the wonderful view of Elv Cathedral in the distance.

I am a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] rely heavily on the Public Right Of ways (PROW) and local nature reserves that allow dogs to help these students gain the confidence to leave the house and begin to re-engage with nature. Being out in the countryside is very beneficial to them and this will no longer be the case if the scheme goes ahead. I would be trying to get them to walk among solar panels which will be detrimental to their health and well-being and they would refuse to do it.

I took one student to a secure dog walking field near Worlington and Red Lodge which runs alongside a solar farm. He refused to step into the field when he saw the panels and claimed that I had lied to him about a walk in the countryside. These children need to feel the connections to the countryside. When we are out walking along the PROW we regularly meet people who stop to talk to us about the dogs which helps the students begin to engage when they have someone to talk to about the dogs. I am worried that the PROW will become deserted and this vital link to restoring their mental health will be lost and reduce the effectiveness of the therapy.

We are not talking about a temporary change, the countryside will not revert back to the agricultural land which we see now, the villages will become deserted, and it will be gone forever! My [REDACTED] grandsons [REDACTED] loves to ride their bikes here and go for walks to see the wildlife. The older one is very concerned because as he says the ground will be contaminated so will not be able to be returned to farmland and will become an industrial wasteland. He is also concerned about the damage that will be done to the environment that he and his children will have to find a solution to. These panels and batteries are not recyclable. He doesn't understand why we have to do this in such a lovely area and ruin the lives of the villagers when it could be placed somewhere away from the population like they have done in Arizona and Spain.

Please do not use us as a social experiment as we do not yet know the health effects of living in close proximity to these batteries and panels will cause. This is not a green project we will not benefit from this. The way of life we have chosen, and my business will be gone forever. Some landowners are set to make a lot of money from this but we the villagers will lose a lot, our way of life our wonderful views, the lovely clean air, and our property values will plummet. We will be worse off in every way, please do not approve this scheme.

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