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I wish to make several responses regarding this application.

Firstly, with regards to the dispute between Sunnica and Rural England's description of the land value and 'The Public's' description. I am deeply concerned as to why Rural England have refused to hold discussions on this important issue. As a Landowner adjacent to this site I feel as though I have been unable to express my thoughts and knowledge of the land.

I have lived in this area for over 40 years and for the last 20 years have owned and developed BROOKSIDE STUD. We board high class breeding stock from around Europe, including France, Germany, Sweden, Norway and Italy. Horses bred from here have gone on to race around the World and Won Group 1 races. We do not have any form of irrigation for the land although if we wanted it, there is an abundance of supply under our land (in fact we source our own water from below us ever since we moved here). The quality of the land produces sound stock with good bone and physicality.

What we should be asking of the Land is not is it 3a or 3b, but does this land produce an abundance of valuable food crops year on year? The simple answer is YES ! I have witnessed this for the 40 years that I have lived in this area, not once have I witnessed a crop failure. The landowners have invested over the years an adequate Irrigation system that is sustainable and works well.

The adverse response to covering this whole area with 'Green Energy' Solar panels would be a false economy. Just to import the huge amount of food that would be lost, would negate anything Green that would have supposedly been achieved. We would then also be Importing all the steel and panels from places like China to develop it.

With regards to the Battery site. This has grown from an original 40 acres to now 74 acres, almost doubled in size! I am one of two families who reside less than 100 meters from this proposal, I have my home, my family and my business here and have had no direct conversation as to how this would affect me and my business. Sunnica have even allocated Solar Panels right up to my boundary hedge, which is approximately 130 meters from my house, despite them saying they would not install Solar Panels within 500 meters of domestic houses.

The dangers of Lithium-Ion Batteries is nothing new, there are already many instances around the World of these exploding and catching fire and lives lost, but none of them have been on a scale of this magnitude ! It is imperative that Sunnica finalise their full format of how this will work and what risk assessments etc. have been carried out BEFORE any decision is made regarding this highly volatile and dangerous proposal. There is a growing town of Red Lodge with two primary schools and several nurseries all within sight and less than one mile downwind from this Battery site.

We have had Professional advice from a Dr Fordham who is a Physicist and who has worked on Nuclear Sites. It is important you consider his report on this Battery site and the consequences of any disaster that could take place, his own words were; 'It would be like sitting on Ten Tons of TNT' !

Lastly, Sunnica has offered NOTHING to the villages who are embroiled in this fiasco, not even 'cheap' electricity. It is purely a money making project of a Spanish based Company that will store up energy in these batteries when the sun is shining. When the Kw price rises they will release power into the National Grid and when the Kw price drops they will cut it off and replenish the batteries. There will be NO jobs for local people who have worked in the farming Industry most of their lives, Skilled workers would be brought in and disappear once the work

was completed. Peoples lives would be a misery during this construction with the local highways not being suitable for all the traffic and upheaval taking place.

Finally people's homes and property. It has already had a noticeable effect with people wanting to sell or move home. If this were to go ahead it would decimate not only house prices but peoples way of life and our countryside as we have known it for generations

This is a serious decision that you will have to make. It will have a huge effect on peoples lives for the next 40 years and, heaven forbid, any disaster that might occur on something on such a huge scale resulting to loss of lives will be on your head.

I would urge you to REFUSE this application.

Yours Faithfully

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