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My Response to the Planning Inspectorates invitation for interested parties to make further comments are as follows:

1. Food security or solar panels? Solar Panels will destroy good growing land and only last about 30 years and can be sited elsewhere. This land is needed to maximise the food we can grow for our own food security both now and in the future
2. Soil quality. This land has been used to grow food on for many generations, the quality speaks for itself. Why the restrictions on other soil testing firms if confident of results? Why the need of soil testing, what it has historically grown and continues to grow should be proof enough.
3. The planned battery storage units (to be located near Isleham/West Row, Freckenham/Red Lodge, Chippenham and the A11) will be the current largest in the world, and, I understand, far bigger than necessary for the amount of electricity this project would produce. Is that safe, knowing that they are a fire risk and are known to be explosive, cannot easily be extinguished and release toxic gases.
From the Battery storage units proposed sites and the normal wind direction, these gases would be blown by the wind over residential areas thus causing mass evacuation at what cost to life, lives, industry, and government, to ensure the safety and care of the people evacuated, and if blown over the A11 what enormous traffic chaos it would cause
When there is no wind and the atmosphere is heavy or misty the fumes would then be stifled and travel along the ground covering a greater area and causing even greater risk.
4. I support the submissions by Dr Edmund Fordham that hazardous substances consent is almost certainly needed and that this has not been acted on by Sunnica, I feel Dr Edmund Fordham's comments on the Battery Storage need further consideration.
5. Yes to solar. NO to a solar project that after 4/5 years still does not appear to have finalised the details of the project and is proposing to use valuable resources of land, and potentially put our lives at risk.

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