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23 November 2023

Dear Mr Wheadon

APPLICATION BY SUNNICA LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE PROPOSED SUNNICA ENERGY FARM

UPDATE ON AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITIES

Pinsent Masons LLP is instructed by Sunnica Limited ("Sunnica") in respect of its application for an order granting development consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm ("SEF").

During the examination of SEF, Sunnica was engaged in discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council ("CCC") and Suffolk County Council ("SCC") in connection with their roles as relevant local highways authorities affected by the proposals for SEF. This included negotiations in relation to side agreements with each authority. Our most recent update to you in relation to these agreements was our letter dated 30 August 2023, which indicated at paragraph 3.4 that both draft agreements were in agreed form but had yet to be completed formally.

We can confirm that the side agreements have now completed.

Consequently, CCC's and SCC's concerns in respect of SEF in their roles as local highways authorities have been resolved. However, CCC's and SCC's formal objections to SEF remain in place because, as we understand it, they retain concerns in relation to other matters (i.e. non highways-related). CCC and SCC have seen a draft of this letter and have confirmed in writing to us that they are satisfied with its contents – please see the enclosure to this letter.

In the light of the completion of the side agreements, Sunnica, CCC and SCC have agreed that the highways protective provisions which are included in Part 15 of Schedule 12 to the draft Development Consent Order should be removed from the Order and, assuming the Order is made, the parties request that the Secretary of State makes this change.

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Enclosure: email from SCC's solicitor, on behalf of SCC and CCC, at 13.10 on 23 November 2023.

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From:
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sunnica DCO
Date: 23 November 2023 13:10:35
Attachments:

Dear Nick

As you know, I am instructed by Suffolk County Council (SCC) and Ed Telepneff is instructed by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) in respect of the above application for development consent.

I confirm that SCC and CCC have considered your letter of today's date to the Secretary of State and are content with its contents: the side agreements have been completed and both councils consider the local highways authority protective provisions should be removed from the DCO.

I also confirm that CCC are content for me to send this email to you on their behalf. In any event, Ed Telepneff is copied in on this email.

Please do include this email with your firm's letter to the Secretary of State. Best wishes.

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