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The Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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## Dear Claire

London:

I hope this letter finds you well. As we near the deadline for the Sunnica decision, I am writing to express the views of the Say No to Sunnica action group, to outline their concerns regarding the Sunnica proposal.

My constituents argue that it's crucial you consider the disparities between the Sunnica proposal and examples of responsible solar development, such as the Little Crow Solar NSIP. The latter, consented last year, had minimal objection from the local community, well-screened surroundings, and a location that avoids a disproportionate impact on communities and the environment.

In stark contrast, the Sunnica scheme, as evidenced during the Examination, demonstrates serious concerns. The extensive nature of the project, its proximity to multiple residential communities, and its potential negative impacts on landscapes, wildlife, and local industries are profound. From start to finish, the Say No to Sunnica action group, alongside thousands of local residents, Members of Parliament, councils, and authorities, have consistently opposed the scheme.

Therefore, I urge you to listen to views of my constituents and reject the Sunnica proposal. Any project on this size must be one that prioritises sustainable development, community wellbeing, and doesn't use agricultural land.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours ever



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