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From Helen Faulkner [REDACTED]

PI ref No 2003116

For attention of Mr John Wheadon

Dear Sir

Firstly I wish to thank The Secretary of State for her allowing the community to respond to Pinsent Masons letter on behalf of the Applicant Sunnica Ltd.

I wish to comment on 2 sections, The mitigation of the development and Glint and Glare. My husband and I moved to Red Lodge 5 years ago to escape the metropolis of Bishops Stortford/Stanstead Airport and to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the British countryside, especially the Brecks landscape.

Every week on one of our days off Wednesday and Thursday we travel to La Hoque at Chippenham for lunch.

It is a spectacular journey. Our route takes us down Elms Road to Freckenham and on to La Hoque via the village of Chippenham, There are occasions when we take a left turn after entering Elms Road and approach Chippenham village via the picturesque hamlet of Badlingham.

If the Sunnica proposal were to be granted permission it would change the dramatic landscape of The Brecks into an industrial complex and change the landscape for ever.

It would also change the opportunity for our weekly visits to La Hoque.

The reasons being we would pass within a few hundred yards of the BESS facility in Elms Road and the second of the 3 BESS facilities in La Hoque Road Chippenham. Each BESS facility extends to 25 acres.

Furthermore either of our 2 routes we use would take us through a high percentage of the 1million solar panels.

It is important to look at the scale of this proposed development, it is a bad design, but the dimensions are so important.

Solar panels 13 feet high and way above the hedgerows.

BESS storage cabins on each site the height of a double decker bus. Substations 30 feet high and blast concrete walls 30 feet high.

The community have NEVER received from Sunnica architects drawings of these 3 BESS sites despite many requests. This is typical of the applicants lack of transparency.

It is totally impossible to mitigate this monstrous scheme. cont

Turning now to glint and glare. Typical of Sunnicas way of doing business this has not been taken seriously with the impacts on traffic, the equine industry and the air traffic from Mildenhall and Lakenheath.

Again taking my personal situation into consideration, I work in Newmarket and when travelling home use the route via Bury Road onto the A11. There is a very dangerous bend before joining the A11 and the afternoon/evening sun will reflect badly from the solar panels alongside that bend on the La Hoque owned farmland. Equally the intersection of

the A11 and A14 at the same spot, a notorious black spot for fatal accidents will be badly affected.

The equine industry will be affected on the many bridal paths used and the training grounds of the Jockey Club estates.

The area of Red Lodge/Worlington is also a flight path for the Mildenhall air traffic.

Looking down on 1million solar panels of glass will look like a large lake and have an adverse effect on air traffic control

For the reasons stated in this letter I beg the Secretary of State to decline this application.

Yours faithfully