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Dear Sirs,

Sunnica Energy Farm, Re. responses by Sunnica and Natural England to the Inspectorate's letter of 14th December.

Re. Landscape/Visual Impacts: Sunnica are very keen to insist that Mr Rooney or Arup is top of the game in producing landscaping schemes for large projects and that he has been involved from the very start. However, this scheme is not an isolated industrial site, or a dual carriageway. If built it would be part of the fabric of our villages, visible whatever we do and wherever we go. It borders village properties and footpaths. Residents of Worlington will walk through it or drive by it or see it from our homes every day. I have attempted to read the massive application documents, and I am unable to find any in-depth landscaping scheme that I would consider offers residents and local ecology any specific and identifiable protection, let alone enhancement. Perhaps somebody could point me to where I can find such details as which trees/shelter belts/hedgerows will be affected, (instead of 'where applicable'); or the mix of seeds and method to be used to recreate Breckland heath grass. I also have continuing concerns about the future of U6006 Badlingham Lane, which although classified as a road, is no more than a narrow unmetalled track. This is a unique resource with classic Breckland flora, fauna and views. To approve this scheme as it stands would completely devalue the protection to residents and ecology that the planning process is obliged to provide.

Re. the Special Protection Area: The approach to the stone curlews seems peculiar. These birds have nested on open grassland behind our house every year since we have been here- nearly 9 years now. We also suspect that at least one local landowner involved in the Sunnica scheme in the Worlington area has received grant funding to provide areas for stone curlews in the past- perhaps this should be investigated? The question is, are stone curlews subject to protection or not? If funding has been given it would seem that a decision on this was taken in the past. The question of whether these particular curlews 'belong' to a protected area is a ridiculous concept that I'm sure the birds would not take into account when choosing a nest site. What about the skylarks and lapwings that use the area? It's not just about Stone Curlews.

I trust we shall have a decision on this matter before long, it has hung over us for years now.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Josie Jennings.

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