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Dear Mr John Wheadon

This response is from Alan B Smith of Worlington IP Ref 20030110 to the SoS letter to Sunnica dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

With reference to the email received today I wish to comment on the response from Sunnica via their solicitors.

As a local resident very, adversely affected by the Sunnica proposal, I feel well qualified to comment on the Landscape issues and Glint and Glare.

I refer to para 1.2 In Summary Sunnicas position is that the proposed mitigation is appropriate and proportional to the likely impacts and thus best available. Further mitigation measures beyond those set out in the relevant documents should not be required.

Nothing is further from the truth. What Sunnica has not made clear to the communities affected is the visual impact of 3 BESS sites in close proximity to each other and the dimensions of the BESS and substations. Never has an architects computerised image been provided, despite numerous requests. The programme Grand Designs can produce an image of a new property to be built which shows in detail each floor of a property and within the landscape adjacent.

With Sunnica we are looking at BESS Containers the height of a double decker bus, 30 feet high substations and a blast concrete wall at each location once again 30 feet in height and we have never been given the width or thickness.

Our community has no idea of the visual impact and deserves better from the applicant. However what we do know is that visually these 3 sites coupled with Solar panels 13 feet high and estimated to be 1.1 million in number will destroy the local landscape.

Therefore the Sunnica response is unacceptable. There is no way the views from the Limekilns, which has been well documented can be mitigated.

The applicants proposal of individual solar farms spread over a huge area of countryside will destroy for ever the individual villages that have charm and an attraction to people who value the historic area of the Brecklands.

The design is a bad plan.

Turning now to glint and glare 1-3 again I find the Sunnica response unacceptable. Insufficient consideration has been given to cars travelling on the A11 and A14, the adverse affect on the equine industry and the aircraft from Mildenhall and Lakenheath. Combined there will be a huge negative impact from the vast expanse of glass for over a million solar panels. We cannot as a community rely on a developer to say the panels will be coated.

Lastly I wish to mention the para on the Stone Curlew within the Brecklands landscape. I live within the Brecklands area and next to my property Stone Curlews nest every year. We see them in our garden and yes, every year they return to the same spot to breed. The breeding area spans Worlington through to Badlingham, a huge area covering many acres. They have to be protected.

I would like the Secretary of State to consider my comments above in the decision making process and thank her for giving local people the opportunity to respond.

Yours sincerely

Alan B Smith Worlington.

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