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Thank you for the invitation to comment on the information provided in response to the letter dated 14 December 2023.

Red Lodge Parish Council are concerned at the lack of evidence to support Natural England's stance on the stone curlew. Natural England have themselves highlighted that further research is required, clearly indicating Natural England's uncertainty and lack of confidence in their research and stance.

The proposed scheme will have a huge impact on the landscape, altering the rural aspects into a contrasting industrial setting. This will ultimately have a negative cumulative impact on important historical areas, including E05 plane crash site, the famous historical site Limekilns gallops West Site A, a site of significant ecological importance E12 and E13 Icknield Way. The Sunnica proposal has not given the full consideration needed to the landscape chosen, the harm caused to the land cannot be mitigated.

Safety concerns relating to the BESS still remain a key concern. During the course of the Examination Dr. Edmund Fordham evidenced that Sunnica have not followed correct procedures with their BESS proposal.

The expectation of a decision to be made by the Secretary of State with inadequate information, is highly inappropriate. A decision based on such a statement lacking reasonable scientific evidence, would be unlawful, risking detrimental and irreversible consequences.

The combination of insufficient evidence to fully support Sunnica's proposal and the inadequate mitigation, reinforces that Sunnica's proposal cannot be accepted!

Kind regards,

Red Lodge Parish Council The Sports Pavilion



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