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Dear Sir or Madam

Interested Party Ref No. 20029969

I write with reference to your e-Mail of the 15th January 2024 regarding the SUNNICA Planning application.

In the World in which we now live in our dependency to be able to provide our own food to feed us, it is reckless to throw away 2,700 acres of good arable land and install plastic Solar Panels manufactured abroad by dubious means.

With the war in Ukraine, the troubles emerging in the Red Sea and the imminent new rules to be implemented on fruit and veg etc. coming from the EU, it is vitally important that we protect the land we have, to help sustain ourselves by growing our own food.

I have lived in this area for almost 40 years and have NEVER seen any of this land fail to produce valuable crops year on year. There is a well organised structure of irrigation and an abundance of fresh water from underground water tables, in fact OUR only supply of water comes from our own borehole on the land that we own.

The area is unique in its format and has been relatively unchanged from 'The Doomsday Book' in 1066 in which almost all of the Villages covered in this application are mentioned.

We enjoy a landscape full of natural habitat. On my property alone I counted 22 different bird species in one day, from Skylarks to Woodpeckers and Wrens to Robins,

The devastation that will encounter if all this land is taken over by plastic panels would be devastating to man and beast.

The value of people's property would be devalued to the extent they would become unsaleable as no one would want to live in the area, we would be compelled to a life of misery which at present is taking its toll on people and their Mental Health.

I also note that there has been some concerns from the local USAF base at Mildenhall, the flight paths for aircraft coming and going is directly above and on sunny days this could have an impact on the Pilots eyesight, -worth noting!

Then we move onto the HUGE Battery Storage sites. It is becoming more and more obvious that these batteries are highly dangerous. Notwithstanding the 'Ethical' and

'Green' way in which these batteries are produced in a faraway land and then travel thousands of miles to get here. Even the new E V's have been giving concerns, the fire at the car park at Luton Airport, the London Bus the other week and even electric scooters being charged in High Rise flats! I could go on! Around the World it is happening.

These batteries are of an Industrial scale, the size of a Shipping Container not an EV, sited some 75 yards from my boundary, on 20 plus acres which has a 36" High Pressure Liquid Gas Pipe going through it. It is like sitting on ten tonnes of TNT !

Just over half a mile away is the village of Red Lodge, several thousand people, TWO primary schools and several Nursery schools directly downwind of the site, if this were to Ignite it would be a catastrophe. Huge evacuation and the Racing Town of Newmarket close by with an even bigger population and some BILLIONS of pounds of the best Bloodstock in the World at risk. Could Sunnica even cover the premium for the insurance to cover all of this? I have asked, but yet no reply!

Finally, my own situation, I am probably the closest resident to be affected by all this, I have owned and developed Brookside Stud over the last 20 years. We board high class racehorses from across Europe who come to visit us for the breeding season and beyond. Some of the horses that we have in our care are valued at over £4m EACH! These proposals by Sunnica without ever consulting me as to my opinions, would come right up to my boundary on two sides of my property. Sunnica state that NO panels would be within 500 mtrs of residential property yet I will have half a mile of panels backing up to my boundary hedge which is just **75 meters** from my house! My view would be obliterated as my hedge is 7' high and the rear of the panels would be 11'.6". As well as this, they intend to install a 'Public Pathway' which would run the full length of my boundary and would mean that anyone could walk along there day or night and my mares and foals would be the other side of the hedge. Horses especially racehorses are a flight animal and with a foal at foot could be in serious risk of injury to a mare or a foal or both if startled.

At no point have Sunnica made any attempt to consult with me on these proposals, in fact they refer to my property as 'Unoccupied'. All of this, along with the development of the proposed site would have a huge detrimental effect on me, my family, and my business. Owners would not want their valuable bloodstock endangered when they could go elsewhere to a safer environment, It would be a huge loss to my lively hood and would most likely result in the business becoming unviable and end up with a property that was unsaleable and ultimately end up losing the property, with no compensation for the destruction of a family run business.

The whole development would take around three years to complete, three years of upheaval and disruption, destruction of our roads, landscape and wildlife habitat. Our roads are small country roads and are not suitable for the sustained use of HGV's etc, in fact those around me are already signed as 'Unsuitable for HGV's'. There would be a huge loss of jobs in the area directly and indirectly connected to the Farming Industry, Agricultural Engineers (three in the area) Corn / seed merchants, the distributors who handle all the thousands of tons of food that is produced, it is endless. There will be a stalemate of houses being sold in the area, those that are already here will be trapped for a generation as no one would want to live in the area.

A GENERATION – 40 years of misery, and what is in it for us, NOTHING, not even 10p off our electricity bill!

I urge you, please REFUSE this application, give us our lives back, a future for our children to grow up in and enjoy, the possibility of jobs in our area in the many small businesses that exist. I thank you in anticipation that you will do the right thing, if you are unsure, I Invite you to visit and I would be more than happy to accompany you around the surrounding area.

Yours Faithfully

John James