

Say No To Sunnica Action Group Ltd



30 May 2022

Dear Mr Kean,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm (the DCO Application)

Notice by the Applicant of Intention to Submit a Request to Make Changes to the Application

The Say No to Sunnica Action Group Limited is an interested party (ID No 20031080) in the above DCO Examination. We write further to your letter of 26 May 2022 concerning changes to the application by Sunnica Ltd and the consequences of those changes for the Examination Timetable.

We note that you have accepted the proposal by Sunnica Ltd to make changes to the application and that you expect the changes to be submitted to you by mid-July 2022.

In our previous letter of 18 May 2022 we set out the prejudice caused by this proposed change on our ability, and the ability of local people, to respond and participate in an Examination in the summer holiday period. We particularly noted the impact on our experts and legal advisers due to uncertainty in the Examination Timetable.

Your letter of 26 May, while setting out the expectation of the change being submitted by mid-July, makes no mention of the Examination Timetable and potential for change. In particular there is no indication of the timing of the Preliminary Meeting that under the Planning Act 2008 defines the start of Examination.

So that we can best mitigate any prejudice of the change in timetable, we ask that a preliminary Examination Timetable be provided, made on the assumption that the formal changes are received as expected in mid-July 2022. Further, we ask whether is it your intention to timetable the Preliminary Meeting to accommodate the summer holiday period, or to arrange the timetable so that key submissions such as Written Representations and responses to ExA Written Questions fall outside of that period?

We also note that, if the ExA decides to accept the proposed changes into Examination, Interested Parties will have the opportunity to make representations on the changed

application when the Examination commences. Does the ExA intend to allow sufficient time in the Examination Timetable for such representations to be made, and for local people to have sufficient time to digest the changes which may be material? We note that the ExA recognises that there was insufficient information about the amendment available to decide if the change is material. Local people are in the same position.

Yours sincerely

N Wright (Director)

Electronically signed.