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To: [Sunnica Energy Farm](#)
Subject: Sunnica - local resident
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Dear PINS,

I would like to raise our concerns as a local resident regarding this new proposal which has requested a change to the timetable.

Our property is closely located to the Sunnica East site A.

Our views remain the same;

- 1) Sunnica East Site A will utilise high class arable farming land used for growing crops and vegetables.
- 2) the soil grading in this location is graded above 3a which equates to high or very high growing quality for agricultural use.
- 3) based on these facts this area of land in the UK should be preserved only for agricultural use and not destroyed for this type of development. The outcome after the number of years this development exists will make the land grading convert to industrial use, which will be a dramatic loss and change to the current landscape.
- 4) we understand the need and importance for renewable energy, but, as important - hand in hand, is the UK's independence & sustainable use of food provision.
- 5) As a resident the sudden change required to a key part of the infrastructure of this development, makes me think, has the overall plan really been thought through from an environmental, wildlife, sustainability and landscape point of view?

Please could you **write to the Examining Authority (PINS)** (email: Sunnica@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) **BEFORE Weds 18th May (at 23:59)** setting out your views.

Regards,
Emma Ryan

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AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

The soil survey team at Soil Environment Services have a combined experience of nearly 30 years in undertaking Agricultural Land Classifications (ALCs) across England and Wales. We have surveyed sites from less than a ha. to over 1000 ha. and linear road routes of over 30 miles. In Scotland we undertake Land Capability Classification for Agriculture surveys (LCCAs).



In England and Wales, Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) surveys are undertaken strictly in accordance with:

Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales
Guidelines and criteria for grading the quality of agricultural land
(Revised guidelines 1988 and Draft second revision 1996, MAFF, London)

The classification work includes:

1. Initial desktop work to examine previously mapped soil types and to note the drift and solid geology. Flood risk is assessed.
2. The site survey includes hand augering and pits to assess the soil types on site.
3. Laboratory testing is undertaken in some cases to assess the soil texture.
4. Reporting will include soil maps, land classification maps for the grades below and all supporting data in tables and appendices.

Grade	Description
1	Excellent quality agricultural land with no or very minor limitations to agricultural use.
2	Very good quality agricultural land with minor limitations which affect crop yield, cultivation or harvesting.
3a	Good quality agricultural land capable of producing moderate to high yields of a narrow range of arable crops or moderate yields of a wider range of crops.
3b	Moderate quality agricultural land capable of producing moderate yields of a narrow range of crops or lower yields of a wider range of crops.
4	Poor quality agricultural land with severe limitations which significantly restrict the range of crops and/or level of yields.
5	Very poor quality agricultural land with very severe limitations which restrict use to permanent pasture or rough grazing, except for occasional pioneer forage crops.

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