From:
To: Sunnica Energy Farm

Subject: Sunnica - consultation on time extension

Date: 18 May 2022 13:07:26

Attachments: <u>Time extension letter May 22.doc</u>

Dear Sir, please find attached the response from Chippenham Parish Council regarding the request from Sunnica to extend the start date for the examination.

Yours faithfully

Sally Hughes Clerk Chippenham Parish Council

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL.



PARISH CLERK: MRS SALLY HUGHES CHIPPENHAMPARISHCOUNCIL@HOTMAIL.COM

17th May 2022

Dear Sir

Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm Request by the Applicant in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination

I am responding on behalf of Chippenham Parish Council to comment on Sunnica's request to change the date of the Preliminary Meeting.

A. Whether the Preliminary Meeting should be delayed until mid-July 2022.

The council agree that the meeting should be delayed as the proposed changes form a significant material change to the scheme. However, we do not believe that Sunnica will be able to carry out all the necessary actions and consultations within this new timeframe.

B. The Applicant's proposed timetable to consult further on amendments intended to form the formal Change Request to be made to the ExA.

This timetable appears to compress the required work into an unfeasible timeframe.

The council feel that such a significant change will need proper, formal consultation and that one month for this step is inadequate. This is not enough time for councils and other bodies to review, consider, respond and also to consult with local residents.

We are concerned that starting the examination in July is the worse time of year due to the holiday period. It is also a factor that many parish councils do not meet in August which would mean that councils were unable to respond any further if required.

In conclusion, the revised timescale is entirely inadequate and will not allow all parties to consider the new information. Such a significant change should require the applicant to withdraw this application and resubmit it when it is properly prepared, and it has been consulted on in an open way. A proper Examination could then take place.

Yours faithfully

Sally Hughes

Sally Hughes (Mrs) Parish Clerk