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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Mr Kean

**NSIP Reference Name / Code: Sunnica Energy Farm, EN010106**

**Natural England's comments in respect of Sunnica Energy Farm Project, promoted by Sunnica Ltd**

**Examining authority's submission deadline 1, 19 October 2022**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination deadline 1.

**1 Summary of Relevant Representations exceeding 1500 words**

- 1.1 A summary of Natural England's Relevant Representations can be found in part 1 of our Relevant Representations (pages 3 & 4) as submitted on the 17 March 2022 [RR-1291].

**2 Notification of wish to attend Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs)**

- 2.1 Natural England do not wish to attend the ASIs set out by the Examining Authority (ExA).

**3 Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs)**

- 3.1 Natural England note the Examination Timetable as set out in the Rule 8 letter includes a series of ISHs. Natural England considers these to be a primarily written process, and our decision on whether or not to attend will be based on the outstanding issues and hearing agendas/objectives which we understand will be provided nearer the time.
- 3.2 Natural England also wish to request that a detailed agenda with times, themes and areas or discussion is provided by the ExA at least 7 days before any hearings. It would be helpful to Natural England's participation at ISHs if agendas could be focused on specific questions from the ExA.

3.3 Our non-attendance at any hearings should not be construed as a lack of concern on outstanding issues, or a lack of willingness to engage.

This concludes Natural England's advice at this time, which we hope you will find helpful.

Yours sincerely

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