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DEAR INSPECTORS,

[REDACTED] SUNNICA WISH TO PLACE A CABLE ACROSS THE FARM TO LINK UP THE SOLAR PANEL SITES.

1; WE PURCHASED THE FARM IN 1988 AND HAVE USED THE SAME CONTRACT FARMER FOR ALL THIS TIME (Moulton Manor Farm) THE SAME CONTRACTOR FARMED THE LAND FOR THE PREVIOUS OWNER. THEY THEN PURCHASED THE ADJACENT FIELDS. HAVING FARMED THE LAND SUCCESSFULLY FOR MANY DECADES, PRODUCING GOOD QUALITY YIELDS OF ROTATIONAL CROPS ON CEREAL, ROOT VEGETABLES AND SUGAR-BEET (THEIR OWN LAND NOW FALLS WITH IN THE SOLAFARMS SITE) I FAIL TO SEE HOW SUCH A GOOD FARMER WOULD CONTINUE TO FARM IN THIS WAY IF THE LAND WAS OF SUCH POOR QUALITY AS SUNNICA ARE TRYING TO TELL US. CLEARLY IT WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN A VIABLE PROPOSITION FOR THEM TO TAKE ON THIS ADDITIONAL LAND.

WE HAD PATRICK STEPHENSON LTD UNDERTAKE A RECENT AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION GRADING ON MY LAND, RESULTING IN A GRADING OF 3A & 3B. THIS IS BACKED UP BY THE BMV LAND ASSESSMENT BY ENGLISH NATURE. AND THE NEIGHBORING FARM AT BADLINGHAM HAS RECENTLY WON THE VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR THE BEST POTATOES IN THE COUNTRY. YET SUNNICA ARE INSISTING IT IS OF SUCH POOR QUALITY ITS ONLY USE SHOULD BE FOR THE SOLAR FARM. HOW CAN SUNNICA'S REPORTS DIFFER SO GREATLY FROM THOSE OF ENGLISH NATURE, PATRICK STEPHENSON AND OF THE LOCAL FARMERS GROWING THE CROPS? IF ALLOWED TO GO HEAD THIS PRODUCTIVE LAND WILL BE OUT OF USE FOR 40 PLUS YEARS IF NOT FOREVER. LEAVING THE COUNTRYSIDE TRANSFORMED IN TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL LAND.

2; THERE WILL BE AN IMPACT ON THE LOCAL WILDLIFE DESTROYING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS FOR FEEDING, SHELTER, AND NESTING. THE WILDLIFE IS HAVING A VERY HARD TIME AT THE MOMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO COPE WITH THIS DISTRUCTION AS WELL. ONCE ITS GONE ITS GONE.

3; I HAVE GRAVE CONCERCE ABOUT THE 78 ACRES OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES AND LARGE SUBSTATIONS, WHEN THEY HAVE SUCH A POOR SAFTY RECORD. LEADING TO POLLUTION OF AIR, WATER COURSE AND GROUND CONTAMINATION. ONE OF THE SITES IS VERY CLOSE TO A HOUSING ESTATE AND SCHOOL.

4; THE LOCAL RESIDENCE FEEL HEMMED IN BY THE 2 ½ METER HIGH FENCING AND THE LARGE SOLAR PANELS WILL CLEARLY BE VISIBLE FOR MANY YEARS, AS SUNNICA ONLY PLAN TO PLANT SMALL SAPLIN TREES. AND WHAT IF THERE IS A DROUGHT A FEW YEARS INTO THE PROJECT, ARE THEY WILLING TO REPLACE THE PLANTS THAT DID NOT SURVIVE?

5; OUR SMALL COUNTRY LANES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE AMOUNT OF TRAFIC THAT IS PROPOSED. AND LOCAL RESIDENTS SHALL BE INPACTED WHAT EVER WAY THEY DRIVE, WE ARE CONFRONTED BY THE SOLAR FARM.

6; BLANDINGS FARM ALSO HOST'S CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS. WE ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY ABOUT THE LOSS OF INCOME IF THIS HAS TO STOP, WHILE THE PROPOSED WORK IS IN PROGRESS. AS ACCESS MAYBE PREVENTED FROM AREAS OF THE FARM USED FOR TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REPORTS OF HORSES BOLTING WHEN BEING FRIGHTENED BY THE GLARE FROM THE SOLA PANELS. IT WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS IF A DRIVING HORSE DECIDED TO BOLT.

7; THERE WILL BE AN IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH OUT ANY BENEFIT

HEMMED IN BY SOLAPANELS

SAFTY CONCERNES OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

LOSS OF FARMLAND

LOSS OF ACCESS TO COUNTRYSIDE AND LOSS OF WILDLIFE

VISUAL APPEARANCE

DROP IN HOUSE PRICES

NO GUARENTEE AS TO WHO SHALL CLEAR THE SITES IN 40 YEARS TIME

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AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION REPORT

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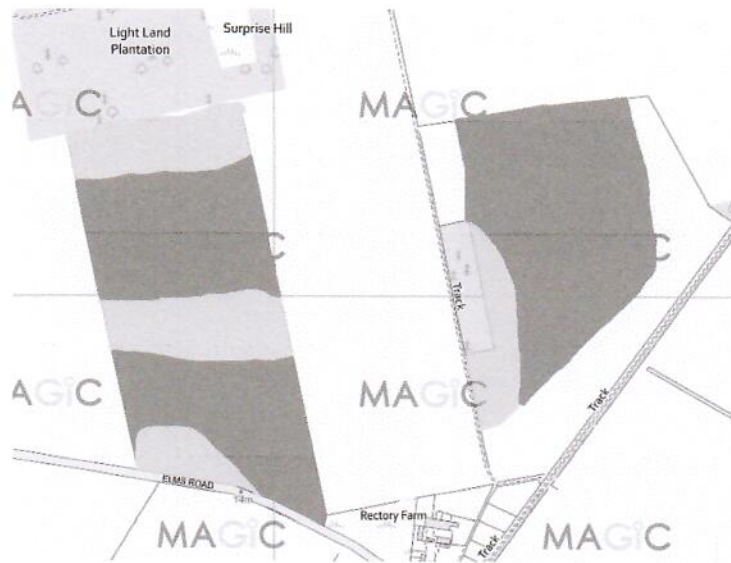
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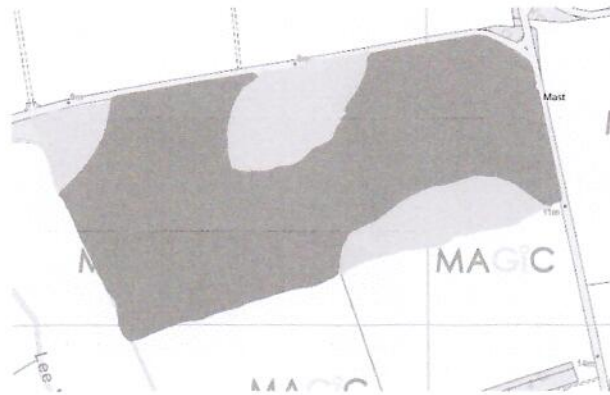
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Key

Grade 2		
Grade 3a		
Grade 3b		
Grade 4		

7.0 Conclusion

Detailed ALC surveys carried out in the area showed the site to be dominated by the 'best and most versatile' grades namely 3a and 2. In National, regional, and local terms this development would have an impact on the loss of the 'best and most versatile' land.

Appendix 1 – Location of Land

