

Further to the hearings held on the 14th and 16th - 17th of February 2023, Red Lodge Parish Council continues to oppose the proposed Sunnica scheme. Red Lodge parish council feels that Sunnica have not adequately assessed the impacts of their traffic plans on the local communities.

Red Lodge Parish Council does not agree with a scheme that requires property to be used against the will of the owners, nor does the parish council consider this aspect amongst many others of the scheme, to be 'green'.

Red Lodge Parish Council has ongoing concerns regarding the traffic in this area, ISH4 failed to alleviate these concerns. Red Lodge Parish Council have outlined in our written representations the impact of the traffic to Red Lodge and our neighbouring villages.

Sunnica have proposed Elms Road as the access road for East Site B. Newmarket Road leads from Red Lodge to Worlington, Sunnica have proposed this road as the access route for East Site A. This means that both routes from Red Lodge to the north (Worlington) and the northwest (Freckenham) will be impacted by significant numbers of HGV's and large numbers of staff vehicles, effectively cutting off Red Lodge from our neighbouring communities in Freckenham, Worlington and surrounding areas.

This will have a significant impact on our local residents who use these routes regularly to travel to work, to transport children to school, to socialise and exercise. It will result in travel delays and disruption to our residents and commuters. This impact is in addition to the significant adverse impacts from this scheme outlined in our written representations including the close proximity of the BESS and substation and the loss of countryside amenity, to name a few.

Residents value the recreational routes into the open countryside to the north of Red Lodge, which would be altered into an industrial setting. We have significant concerns about the use of Elms road as an access road because we know that this is well used by runners, cyclists and horse riders. We regularly see horse riders connecting from the bridleway near the traveller site, riding along Elms Road and accessing Badlingham Lane into Worlington. This will practically be impossible during construction, as riders along Elms Road would be faced with HGV's and other oversized vehicles as well as staff vehicles. Undoubtedly this will become a very hazardous stretch of road for both humans and animals.

Red Lodge Parish Council strongly feels that residents will be isolated from their friends, neighbours, family and crucial support networks, this is unacceptable.