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Interested Party No. 20030094

Dear Sir,

Firstly I thank all of the ExA for their hard work and diligence on this application.

The process that has been followed has allowed a thorough examination of the proposals from Sunnica and this has resulted in a great deal of detail, so much so that it is impossible for an individual to keep up and respond to every point made.

There have been positive changes to this proposal but the fundamentals of the plan have not however changed. The size, scale, location are similar to that originally proposed with “in the region of” 1,000,000 solar panels and 1,000,000 batteries across thousands of acres of high value land, in the heart of an English rural and domestic idyll.

The loss of farmland, **permanent** damage to the environment, loss of amenity, social, and wildlife damage is unacceptable; even if all mitigation now proposed is included.

I do accept that there is a need for “Green” power but these particular proposals are driven by convenience rather than good design. The proposal was placed here simply to access the Burwell grid connection rather than for good design reasons. Good design would keep industrial installations away from towns and villages, good solar would put panels in the highest light areas of the UK and on top of other industrial installations not on farmland, good BESS should be properly located away from populations, watercourses and farmland. The plan is fundamentally flawed no matter how the detailed designs appear to mitigate some of the issues.

In addition, this plan in this local area on top of existing Solar installations, Nuclear, Wind turbines, Straw Burners, Gas fired Power Stations etc. in the East Anglian area are turning, step by step, our “green and pleasant land” into a dystopian wasteland. Our food security is being eroded even further and our countryside made inhospitable and inaccessible.

Just because other Solar industrial installations have been given permission this does not mean that this one, or any part of it, must replicate previous decisions. You have the authority and power to recommend refusal of the DCO.

I do not believe a full explanation and expansion of my comments is needed as the examination has highlighted all my points during its progress.

I hope you can understand the impact to us all locally, as well as in the rest of the UK and I request and recommend that this application is not granted Planning Permission at all.

Best Regards

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