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Subject: Interested party in Sunnica application - comment on the information provided in response to his information request of 27 July 2023
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The responses to add to the detail of this application and this once again makes it almost impossible for an individual not previously involved, educated or aware of NIP planning applications or indeed the technicalities of Solar Energy Power stations or BESS to comment in that detail. However there are a couple points that are clear.

1) Battery technology is evolving all the time and battery safety is a real risk. Without supplying the detail of the BESS technologies (consequentially the management, fire suppression, emergency response, effects of gas emissions etc etc) no application should be approved. The applicant says that this is previous or common practice but even if this is true this should not be the case in this application due to the particular sensitivities of these sites.

2) There have now been debates in the house of commons on the subject of Solar Power Stations, land use, food security and these show a clear trend for our legislators to restrict these large scale installations to non green land and increase the installations to public buildings, car parks, factories etc. and brown field sites.

3) It appears some "farmers" have now been "bought off" by the developers. I understand that landowners, farmers and businesses feel a duty to get the highest returns for their business but this should not be at the expense of good planning.

My belief is that this is the wrong site for a Power Station, its driven by access to the grid and financial considerations rather than philanthropic motives. The applicant has said that they will sell on the planning once achieved and so the legality will be challenged, ignored or prevaricated throughout the proposed life of the application.

For these reasons the application should be denied. Please pass on my comments to Secretary of State.

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.cc Matt Hancock

Best Regards
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