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Dear ██████████

The Sunnica Energy Farm Order 2024 – S.I. 2024/802 – Proposed Non-Material Change Application

Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 - Written consent from the Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority

1. Thank you for your email and letter of 13 November 2025 on behalf of Sunnica Limited (“the Applicant”). The email and letter of 13 November 2025 provided a description of the proposed changes, the reasons for the proposed changes, the proposed reduced consultee list, and a list of the parties consulted on the original application in respect to the Sunnica Energy Farm Order 2024 (“the Order”), and as corrected by the Sunnica Energy Farm (Correction) Order 2024. The letter requested the Secretary of State’s consent under Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (“the 2011 Regulations”) to a reduced list of consultees.
2. The letter provides the following description of the changes sought:
 - a) Change 1: extending the Order limits to include additional land at the Burwell National Grid Substation (“Existing Substation”) to facilitate the re-location of the cabling connecting the Sunnica Energy Farm to the Existing Substation.
3. The Applicant proposes to consult seven parties:
 - Suffolk County Council, as a host authority;
 - West Suffolk Council, as a host authority;
 - Cambridgeshire County Council, as a host authority and because the additional land for Change 1 lies within its administrative area;
 - East Cambridgeshire District Council, as a host authority and because the additional land for Change 1 lies within its administrative area;
 - Burwell Parish Council, as the additional land for Change 1 lies within its
 - parish;
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission plc, as the owner and operator of the additional land for Change 1; and

- Swaffham Internal Drainage Board, as the holder of drainage rights in relation to the additional land for Change 1.
4. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the consultees proposed by the Applicant for consultation should be consulted, noting the nature of the proposed changes as set out at paragraph 2 above.
 5. The Secretary of State is satisfied that it is not necessary for other consultees from the Order to be included in the reduced consultee list, as they are not directly affected, either because the proposed amendments will not affect their interests or because their interests relate to a different part of the scheme.
 6. Accordingly, the Secretary of State gives written consent for the consultation to proceed in accordance with the details set out above, under regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations. In taking this decision, the Secretary of State acknowledges that notice of the Application will be provided by the Applicant, in line with the requirements in Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations.
 7. The Secretary of State's written consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any other aspects of the proposed changes to the Order, which fall to him for consideration and determination, or whether the proposed changes will ultimately be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero