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27 November 2025

Dear Sir / Madam

**SUNNICA ENERGY FARM ORDER 2024 – NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION**

**SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 7 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011**

The enclosed notice relates to a 'non-material change' application (the "**application**") being made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "**Secretary of State**") for the Sunnica Energy Farm Order 2024 (as corrected by the Sunnica Energy Farm (Correction) Order 2024 (the "**Order**") by Sunnica Limited ("**Sunnica**"). We act for Sunnica in relation to the application.

The Order includes provision authorising the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50MW, comprising ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel arrays; one or more battery energy storage systems with a gross storage capacity of over 50MW; connection to the UK electricity transmission system and other associated and ancillary development (the "**Scheme**"). Sunnica seeks to make a non-material change (the "**NMC**") to the Order.

NMC – extending the Order limits to include the extension to the Existing Substation

The Order authorises the construction and operation of cabling to connect the Scheme to the national grid at the Burwell National Grid Substation (the "**Existing Substation**").

Following the original application for the Order, the Existing Substation has been extended to include an area of land (the "**Additional Land**") that is outside, but adjacent to, the Order limits. The Additional Land is limited in scope and is currently being used for hardstanding (i.e. it has already been built on).

Following discussions with National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("**NGET**"), the owner and operator of the Existing Substation (including the Additional Land), Sunnica is proposing to change the proposed location for the cabling to connect the Scheme to the Existing Substation to instead be located within the Additional Land. All land rights in relation to this cabling will continue to require agreement between Sunnica and NGET.

The focus of the NMC is therefore to amend the Order limits to include the Additional Land (which is only approximately 2 hectares in size and comprises previously developed land), via updates to the corresponding plans and documents, to facilitate this re-location of the cabling. This requires a small extension to Work No. 4 to cover the Additional Land, which does not give rise to any new or materially different environmental effects to those originally assessed as part of the application for the Order (given the area is currently being used for hardstanding). Further, no powers (including in relation to compulsory acquisition) are being sought by Sunnica over the Additional Land.

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The change to the Order that comprises the NMC is simply to amend the references to the corresponding plans and documents in Schedule 10 (Documents and plans to be certified) of the Order.

The NMC proposed to the Order by Sunnica is necessary for the reasons set out above and Sunnica is seeking the NMC as such. The NMC will not give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects to those originally assessed as part of the application for the Order, nor would it require additional compulsory acquisition of land, nor would it have new or different effects on local residents or business or any additional implications in respect of habitats regulation assessment; therefore, Sunnica considers that the NMC is non-material in nature.

### **Consultation**

Before a decision can be made by the Secretary of State, Sunnica must consult with various persons in accordance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (the “**2011 Regulations**”).

You have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of Regulation 7(2) of the 2011 Regulations. In addition, we draw your attention to the Regulation 7(3) letter published by the Secretary of State on 19 November 2025, enclosed with this letter.

The enclosed Regulation 6 notice contains details of how you can access the application documents and how to respond to the consultation. Any representation about the application must be made by email to: [Sunnica@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Sunnica@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or in writing to:

National Infrastructure Planning, the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

As set out in the notice, the consultation ends on 16 January 2026. Therefore, the deadline for receipt of your views about the application is **11:59pm on 16 January 2026**.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of

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### **Enclosures:**

- (i) Copy of a notice pursuant to Section 153 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011.
- (ii) Regulation 7(3) letter from the Secretary of State, dated 19 November 2025.