

## **Objection to Sunnica Ltd Non-Material Change Request**

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to formally object to the latest non-material change request submitted by Pinsent Masons on behalf of Sunnica Ltd. I do so not only as a local resident, but as a landowner whose land is directly affected by the proposed cable route and over which compulsory acquisition and access rights apply.

This change request, made some 16 months after consent was granted, seeks to extend the Order limits and must be viewed in the context of the numerous post-application and post-consent changes previously introduced by Sunnica Ltd. From my perspective as an affected landowner, this continuing uncertainty has caused significant stress and disruption, with no clear end in sight.

The grid connection and cable routing are fundamental components of the scheme. These matters should have been fully resolved prior to submission of the original application and certainly before the Examination commenced. Instead, Sunnica Ltd repeatedly revised its proposals, forcing landowners and residents to reassess impacts at short notice and undermining the reliability of the assessments on which consent was ultimately based.

The use of compulsory acquisition powers demands the highest standards of transparency, fairness, and justification. Extending Order limits at this late stage—particularly through a process with limited consultation—falls well short of those standards. It places additional burdens on landowners who may not have anticipated being affected and who may now have little opportunity to engage meaningfully with the process.

I am also concerned that this incremental approach to scheme changes risks normalising “case creep”, whereby a series of ostensibly minor amendments cumulatively results in a materially different development, while affected parties are denied full scrutiny and proper consultation. This is especially troubling where private land and property rights are involved.

Given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the grid connection itself, including repeated delays to the connection date, I do not consider it reasonable or proportionate for compulsory acquisition powers to continue to be exercised or extended in support of infrastructure that is not yet assured.

I therefore respectfully request that the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State refuse this change request on the above grounds.

Kind regards,

Nick Wright