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**Subject:** Objection to latest change request by Sunnica Ltd  
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Dear Sunnica Planning Inspectorate team,

I hope you are well. Please see below my personal objection to the latest change request by Sunnica Ltd.

Many thanks,

Dr Catherine Judkins (URN [REDACTED])

### **Objection to Sunnica Ltd Change Request Application submitted 13th Nov 2025**

I object to this latest request for the following reasons:

- The applicant has a long history of making changes to its Grid connection (amongst other matters). This latest change request is not just one "small change." It is the addition of new land to the Order limits and it should be regarded cumulatively as part of a much broader and substantial series of changes to the Grid connection that have been made before and during Examination. I do not consider that the applicant should be allowed to seek yet more incremental changes, so long after the consent has been granted.
- This change cannot lawfully be regarded as a "non material change" when assessed cumulatively and in proper context. The addition of new land to the Order limits, without full public consultation, such a long time (almost a year and a half) after consent has been granted and following previous piecemeal changes to the scheme (including to the Grid connection) does not constitute a "non material change."
- The fact that this application is being made over 16 months since the Order was granted further undermines the suggestion that it is non-material. The passage of time increases the risk that environmental baselines, cumulative impact baselines and affected receptors have changed, and it weakens reliance on environmental information prepared for the original application. I do not agree with the applicant that the changes will "*not give rise to any new or materially different environmental effects to those originally assessed as part of the application for the Order*" (para 2.5, Pinsent Masons letter dated 13th Nov 2025). This cannot simply be asserted. These previous assessments are out of date.
- The impacts of this change, alongside previous Grid connection changes, need to be assessed cumulatively, with additional and updated environmental impact and cumulative impact assessments provided. Otherwise there can be no lawful conclusion that this is a non material change.
- Because this latest request is being made so late, and that Grid connection changes have been made in such a piecemeal manner, it has deprived residents from properly reviewing the impacts as a whole. Use of the non material change procedure means that a very limited number of consultees have been notified. This is procedurally unfair as full public scrutiny, and fair opportunity for new residents here to assess the impacts (taken cumulatively, as they should be) on them, has not been provided. It should not be allowed, especially for a huge scale nationally significant development. Nor should it be allowed to set a precedent for others to take the same piecemeal approach.
- Addition of land so long after consent has been granted, on the back of previous changes to the scheme, including to the Grid connection (all of which should be considered cumulatively), undermines the DCO process and risks undermining the safeguards of the Planning Act 2008.