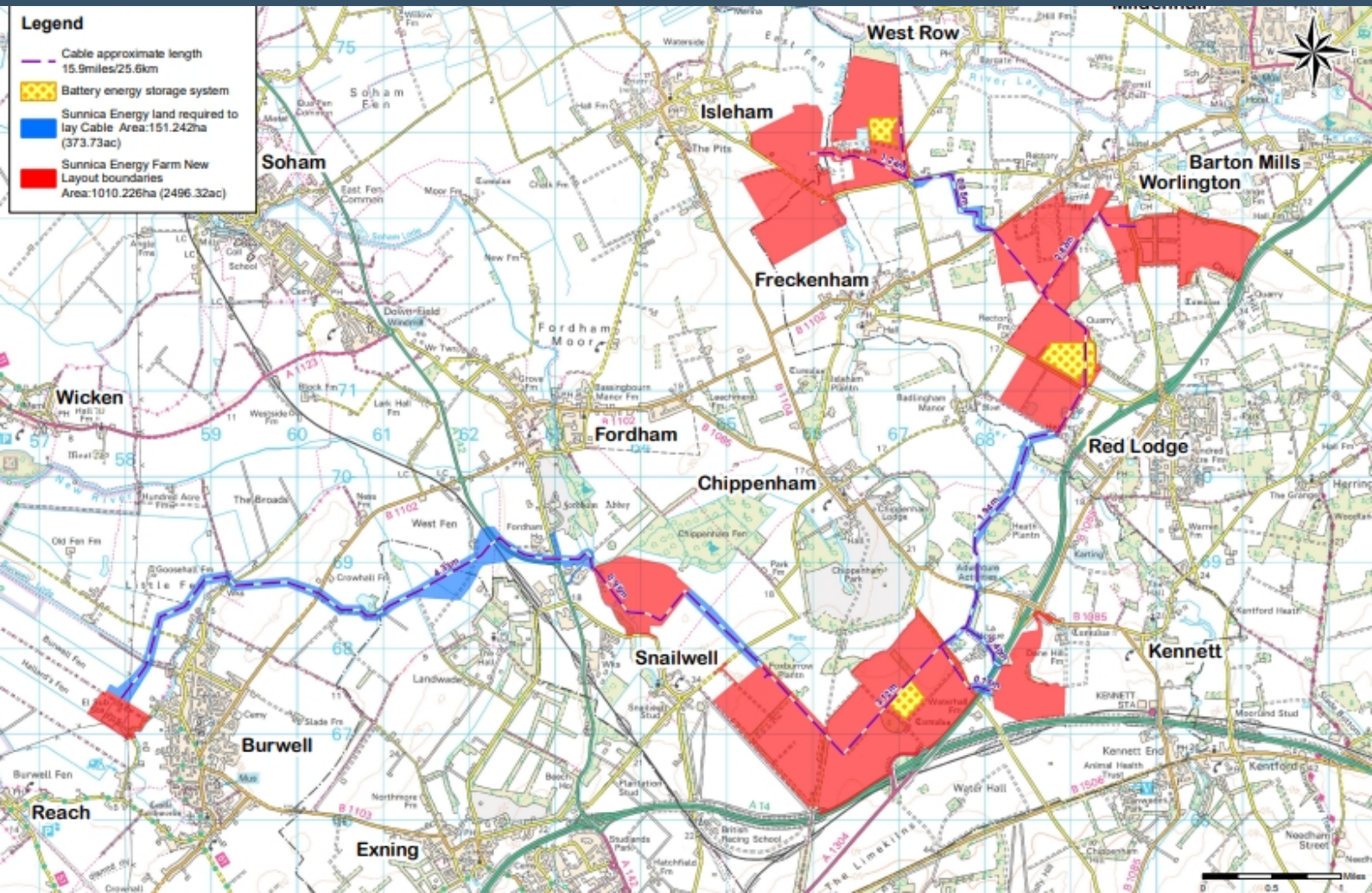


Sunnica Application - **ACT NOW**

Please register your views **BEFORE** 17th March 2022 - this leaflet explains how



Say **NO** to Sunnica Community Action Group working together with the Parish Council Alliance



Part of Sunnica scheme around Elms Rd. Total scheme area is ca. 10x bigger than this.

Image courtesy of Daily Mail article - How CAN this be a green scheme.



SAY NO TO SUNNICA

Together we can stop it - we want GOOD solar, not this BAD solar

The Sunnica application to build a ca. **2,500 acre** solar and battery plant **around our villages** is now LIVE. It will be reviewed by the Government's Planning Inspectorate - it's huge size means that it is classed as a Nationally Significant project (a NSIP). Please submit your views about the scheme to the Planning Inspectorate **BEFORE 17th March**.

Some details about the scheme:

Sunnica Energy Farm would cover ca. **2,500 acres greenfield land** (the equivalent of 2,227 football pitches). It will be 11 times larger than any other operational Solar Plant in the UK. It comprises:

- **Over 1,000,000** solar panels (2.5 m high), most likely imported from China
- **Over 100 acres** of concrete will be laid
- **Over 30 miles** of security fencing will be put up around the sites
- No meaningful local employment – **no local benefit**. Would be built by Smith Brothers Ltd (Yorkshire)
- **Countryside lost** for over 2 generations
- There is **no guarantee** the land can be returned to it's former agricultural use after **40 years**
- The scheme area will **become a 'brownfield site'** after the project ends, making it ripe for development
- **15 miles of cabling** to take the electricity to a new **12m high substation extension** that will be built at Burwell
- Around **77 acres of battery energy storage compounds (BESS)**, separated into 3 sites, all close to homes
- With an output of 500 MW, the Sunnica **BESS would be the current largest in the world**. Sunnica Ltd has **no experience** of building BESS on this scale
- Li-ion **BESS catch fire**. When they do they cannot be put out. The fire creates **poisonous gases** which can be lethal in tiny amounts. *Below image depicts a recent Li-ion BESS fire in Australia*
- The huge BESS allow Sunnica to buy cheap electricity out of the grid (from renewable and non-renewable sources), store it in the BESS and sell it back to the grid when it is expensive. This creates huge **profits for Sunnica's Spanish owners**
- All of the greenfield land being taken by Sunnica is **good quality irrigated vegetable growing farmland**, which provides habitats for **100's of species**
- We cannot afford to lose this land. The UK is **only 64% self-sufficient in food**
- Importing panels and batteries from China (known to use slave labour for some solar panel production), and the poor scheme design, means the scheme has a **huge carbon footprint**
- University analysis of the Sunnica scheme shows it cannot be 'green'. It **will create more carbon in it's lifetime than it ever saves**. Sunnica hinders our pursuit of Carbon Zero by 2050
- If this industrial solar plant happens the **value of our properties will be affected** forever



Please help to stop this BAD SOLAR SCHEME. **If you don't register your views, they will not be considered.**
We need as many residents' views as possible.

Anyone can register - you don't need to be an 'expert.' The Parish Councils will be holding open meetings to help you with this. Please contact them to find out more.

It's time to ACT – we need all residents to help before 17th March 2022

This is your **FIRST** and **ONLY** opportunity to appeal directly to the people who will decide whether to approve or reject the Sunnica planning application.

The full Sunnica application has been published online - see

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm>

Printed copies are available to view at the following locations

- Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall (01284 763233)
- Newmarket Library, 1a The Guineas, Newmarket (01638 661216)
- The Beeches, 32 Mill Street, Isleham (01638 780097)
- Burwell Library, Village College, The Causeway, Burwell (0845 0454225)

How do I send in my comments? (must be before 17th March 2022)

- Complete a “Registration Form” on the Planning Inspectorate website (see overleaf)
- Or call free on 0303 444 5000 and request a paper form
- If uncertain, visit a Parish Council open meeting or speak to the Community Action Group at Freckenham/Isleham Farmers Markets or via nosunnica@gmail.com for help

What can I write on the form?

- State if you are objecting to the application
- Write about how the scheme will affect you and/or your day-to-day life. You don't need to be an “expert”
- Write your comments concisely – ideally use bullet points or headings/ sub headings. List your concerns and write a sentence or two to support them
- Aim to keep to around 500 words or less. Blank forms are not accepted

What will sending in my comments achieve?

- The next stage in the process is the Examination, like a public enquiry
- Your comments are used to decide the subject areas for investigation during the Examination. The examiners don't know this area, so it's important that we help them understand the concerns we want them to consider

What happens if I don't submit any comments now?

- Your views will not be known to the Planning Inspectorate, so your concerns will not be examined. Any comments you submitted before only went to Sunnica, so you need to submit them directly to the Planning Inspectorate
- If you don't submit your comments by the **17th March 2022**, you cannot take part in the process from this point onwards

Will my name and comments be published?

- After the 18th March 2022, your name and the comments you submit will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website. You cannot submit comments anonymously. Don't include information that you want to keep private.

Can I submit more detailed comments later?

- Yes, if you register by the 17th March 2022, you can submit more detailed comments later if you wish to. The Planning Inspectorate will advise you of the dates.



Sunnica Solar and Battery Plant

PLEASE register your views with the Planning Inspectorate **BEFORE** the **17th MARCH 2022** deadline

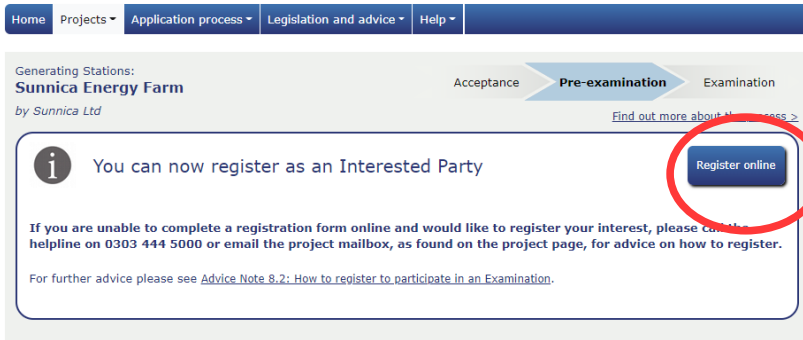
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Or

2) Register online <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm>

ONLINE



Press 'enter' here

The title on your page should now look like this...

Sunnica Energy Farm
Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010106

There are two sections to complete.

About you and anyone you may be representing

1 **Select the option which best describes why you are completing this form**

Only one person or organisation can become an *Interested Party* per form. Each *Interested Party* needs to be registered with their own form.

I am completing this form for myself to give my own personal views.

I am completing this form for the organisation I work for, either on a paid or voluntary basis, to give its views.

I am completing this form on behalf of another person or organisation and I have their permission to represent their views. I give both their contact details and my own below.

Points are to be filled out **per person** not per household

2 **Your Representation**

* Please confirm that you have read and understood the above text for the submission of your representation.

Your Representation:

* Aim for bullet points and headings to highlight your main points.

* There will be an opportunity to add further details at a later stage if you want to.

* Make it personal to you. How will Sunnica affect you if it were to go ahead?

* We suggest adding an email address so the Planning Inspectorate can keep in contact with you.

For more information about the Sunnica scheme please contact your Parish Council or the Say **NO** to Sunnica Community Action Group (via their website or email address or Facebook group – see below).

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/saynotosunnica>

Website: <https://www.saynotosunnica.com/>

Email: nosunnica@gmail.com

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

