

Report on a possible response to the Sunnica Energy Farm Development Consultation

Full Council meeting of the 18th January 2021

Background

- Sunnica Energy are proposing to build a large (2500 acres) solar panel energy farm on the Suffolk/Cambridgeshire border.
- Previously Walkberswick Parish Council have not been approached as a statutory consultee. But this has now changed.
- All local councils in the area have objected to the development for the reasons detailed below.
- Local MPs Matt Hancock and Lucy Frazer have also formally objected.
- Walberswick is a reasonable distance from the development and should decide whether or not they choose to submit their own response.

Proposed response

Walberswick Parish Council formally objects to the development at this stage due to the following reasons:

- Long term issues not being addressed with the impact on the area and the current and future residents not being known or explained.
- No direct benefits to the local economy and local residents feeling disempowered due to the fast changing nature of this development.
- The proposed scale which seems excessive.
- Not enough clarity on the decommissioning plans

Mark Knight – Parish Clerk – January 2021