



**Nick Timothy** — the Conservative candidate to be your MP — wants to protect what is special about West Suffolk and improve residents' quality of life. He is leading . . .



# ONE LAST PUSH TO STOP SUNNICA



**Nick Timothy — the Conservative candidate to be the MP for West Suffolk — has been working with the brilliant 'Say No to Sunnica' campaign to fight the Sunnica solar farm proposal because it would harm residents' quality of life.** Asked about why he was taking this stand, Nick said: "The proposal — which would be the UK's largest solar and battery farm — is too big and too close to where people live. It undermines farming businesses — and therefore sustainable, local food production — and would harm the horse-racing industry and village life. I'm concerned about the safety of the flammable and toxic batteries. And it is quite wrong to build a development like this on high-quality agricultural land. Sunnica has behaved disgracefully throughout this process, refusing to engage properly with residents, hiring consultants to make inaccurate claims about the quality of affected land and refusing to allow access to the site in an attempt to prevent more accurate, independent assessments of the land. To top it all off, this is not even a green project, since we know the proposal will generate more carbon emissions than those it saves. It is vital to stop Sunnica now."



With the Department for Energy due to make a decision — let's make clear the continuing scale of opposition to Sunnica.



We must save our beautiful rural area and stop residents' lives from being blighted for years.



We have the facts on our side. It is crucial to protect our area's productive farmland and stop Sunnica in its tracks.

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**Nick Timothy** and the In Touch team are keen to hear from residents about anything that might be concerning you in your area. Have your say using this cut-off slip. Make your voice heard — return this slip today.

**Have your say . . .** Are there any issues you would like to raise? Please comment below:

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# Sunnica would be devastating for residents — here's why it must be halted NOW

By Nick Timothy

I have been working closely with the residents who have been campaigning hard for years to stop Sunnica. If allowed, it would be the biggest solar and battery plant in the UK, if not Northern Europe.

There are many serious problems with the proposal, chief among them that it involves building on Best and Most Versatile land, while it would blight residents' lives and harm our rural landscape, tourism and racing industries.

This was the basis of my submission to the Energy Secretary last year. The Sunnica development would be entirely wrong for our area and must be stopped.

'There are many very serious problems with the Sunnica proposal, chief among them that it involves building an enormous solar and battery farm on high-quality farmland'. This was the basis of Nick's submission to the Energy Secretary months ago.

## Sunnica's solar plan must be stopped says prospective MP

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**To top it all off, this is not even a green project, since we know the proposal will generate more carbon emissions than those it saves.**

Newmarket's new Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate had added his voice to the opposition to Sunnica's proposal for a massive solar farm, but outside the town.

Nick Timothy, who has written to new Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero, Claire Coutinho, who will whether it can go ahead or not by the end of this month, said it was an absolute travesty.

"We must fight it every inch of the way," he said. "It is too big and too close to where people live. It undermines farming businesses, the horse-racing industry and village of the agricultural land on the site, and refusing to allow access to the site in an attempt to prevent more accurate, independent assessments of the land.

"To top it all off, this is not even a green project, since we know the proposal will generate more carbon emissions than those it saves."

Nick Timothy Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Newmarket

In his letter to the energy secretary, Mr Timothy picked up on the dispute over the quality of the agricultural land included in the proposal.

"In short, it would be unreasonable, on the basis of the limited and partial evidence presented, the refusal by Sunnica to allow access to the site to conduct soil surveys, and the evidence available that contractors' activities

A Natural England predictive plan previously showed more than 50 per cent of the site is BMV," he said. "As the Prime Minister said to Parliament on September 6, we need to recognise the importance of solar and other forms of renewable energy but it must be developed in a way that protects our most valuable agricultural land so it can produce

Nick's opposition to Sunnica was reported by the **Newmarket Journal**, on 21st September 2023



Nick speaks to local residents near **Freckenham** about how crucial it is to stop Sunnica from being approved. Communities would face years of disruption if it goes ahead and this beautiful local area would be irrevocably harmed.

## 'Nick did not waste a minute'

By Katherine Stewart of the 'Say No to Sunnica' campaign

I came to live in Suffolk in the 80's and have been between Newmarket and the villages ever since. When the Sunnica industrial application was made I felt it had to be fought on every level: the appalling loss of farmland, the impact on so many village communities and the blight to Newmarket and Racing's historic heartland.

When Nick Timothy was selected as the Conservatives' prospective candidate for West Suffolk, he did not waste a minute in reaching out to us, to listen and help us in this campaign. Nick has an easy manner and his thoughtful advice and understanding will be invaluable to West Suffolk.

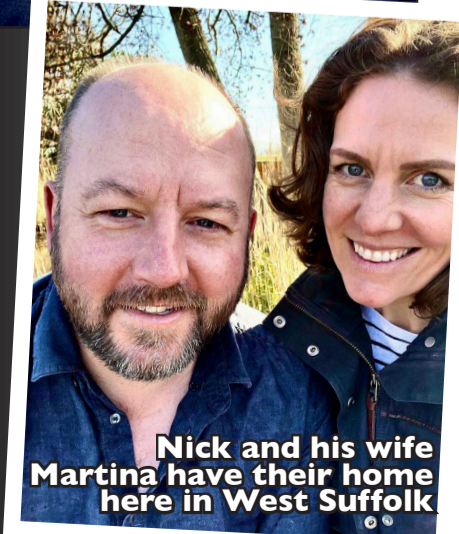


**Nick Timothy** has been joined in opposing Sunnica by the hard-working Conservative team, including County Councillor for **Newmarket and Exning**, Cllr **Rachel Hood** (above left picture, right), County Councillor for **Mildenhall**, Cllr **Lance Stanbury** (with Nick in above right picture), County Councillor for **Newmarket and Red Lodge**, Cllr **Andy Drummond** (with Nick in above centre picture) and **Worlington** resident **Brian Harvey** (above left picture).



## 3 GOOD REASONS TO BACK NICK TIMOTHY

- 1. Nick Timothy** lives in West Suffolk. He is immersed in the issues that matter and has a track record of local action. His family are rooted here and he knows what needs to get done to protect and improve West Suffolk. His knowledge, experience, energy, vision and tenacity would make him a highly-effective local MP to advocate for the interests of West Suffolk residents.
- 2. Nick Timothy** has a clear priority — to protect and improve residents' quality of life. Nick backs the government's recent tax cuts and welcomes the Chancellor's commitment to protect pensions. But Labour can't be trusted with the state pension, having consistently questioned the triple lock, while refusing to rule out scrapping it. The Labour Party doesn't understand places like Suffolk. They would harm our quality of life, bulldoze planning protection, tax and borrow too much and be soft on crime and immigration.
- 3. Nick Timothy** believes in doing politics the old-fashioned way. He is knocking on doors every week and has spoken to residents across West Suffolk. Nick has strong Conservative principles and is determined to find pragmatic solutions to local and national challenges. He is fighting to protect what is special about West Suffolk — our beautiful countryside, towns and villages — while seeking to bring more opportunities to our communities.



**Nick and his wife Martina** have their home here in West Suffolk