

The efficiency of solar power in this area needs to be properly understood. I installed a 4kw solar array in Worlington 7 years ago. The kw/h production for the 6-month period between November and March over this 7-year period is only 16.6% of the total generation over the whole year. This is during the period of highest demand. Sunnica cannot possibly generate enough solar energy during these winter months so it will rely on buying electric directly from the main grid during off-peak hours, storing it and then exporting it back to the grid during peak times (and make a profit). The solar arrays planned are simply trying to disguise this fact. The scheme is dishonest and is a "sheep in wolf's clothing". The battery storage is dangerous and uses outdated technology.

The agricultural fields around Worlington and Chippenham are already contracted to grow crops and, on rotation, foodstuffs for the Anaerobic Digester Plant recently opened on Bay Farm, Worlington. The proximity of the fields to the AD Plant were a cornerstone of the sustainability of the project and the fields are individually listed on the AD Plant planning application and subjected to a formal planning condition when the AD Plant was approved.

Re-purposing the use of these fields brings the sustainability of the AD Plant into question. Local land use has been agreed, formally conditioned for growing crops and should not, now be overridden and covered with solar panels.