

A well-designed solar facility could benefit a local community, but industrialisation of large swathes of the Cambridgeshire / Suffolk landscape, engulfing local villages and irreversibly damaging the local environment brings both green and ethical credentials of the proposal into doubt. The loss of productive agricultural land is portrayed as necessary to meet demands for renewable energy, yet food security is equally critical and diverse alternatives could be considered to meet energy demands. To date, consultation has been inadequate and much of the documentation lacks sufficient detail or evidence. Where risks are identified mitigation is vague and all too often results in no change to the identified risk. Sunnica can inspire little confidence when they persistently disregard local communities and attempt to force through changes without transparency and open discourse. Ultimately, a Spanish backed concern reliant on international supply chains and a construction firm from Yorkshire is not investing for the interests of local communities or the environment, but for profit. Opportunity undoubtedly lies with the extensive BESS to allow energy trade with the National Grid, rather than provision of a renewable energy.