

Effect on the area

The applicant's proposal will have a major detrimental effect on the area. The proposal is informed by

1. Greed
2. Lack of experience
3. Overwhelmingly negative effects on the environment
4. Carelessness about UK food supply

Greed

The applicant noticed that there was a 500MW connection at Burwell and spotted an opportunity to maximise their financial return. Their lack of belief in their project illustrated by their lack of intent to be around for any time at all but simply to sell on either their company or the project as soon as possible. Indeed, they have no experience in such projects and have artificially connected a number of disparate areas, careless of the impact on local communities, safety or anything else beyond their profits. They have proposed no mechanisms whereby the affected communities are given any recompense for this horrendous project – it simply doesn't enter their heads to dilute their financial returns for mere communities or environmental returns.

Lack of experience

Sunnica have completed no solar projects. Their investors have implemented no projects with a BESS. They have no assets as a company so the Secretary of State and hence the taxpayer bears the real risk of the project while the profits are earmarked for Sunnica's investors alone.

Overwhelmingly negative effect on the environment and local communities

This comes as no surprise given their evasive consultation with local communities where they shamelessly exploited the COVID lockdown to evade consulting on their proposals.

The vast structures proposed are admitted by the applicant to be an eyesore but they propose to plant saplings at the end of their construction phase which won't in any way shield the construction for many years. The structures will have a devastating effect on the habitats of wildlife over the area.

The diffuse design across such a large area requires a vast array of lorry movements over the several years of construction and cuts the connectivity of local communities. The project seeks to turn a rural agricultural area into a vast power plant – completely inappropriate.

Carelessness about UK food supply

Sunnica have made misleading statements about the land they propose to use for this project. Despite taking 2500 acres of land including a significant amount of grade 2 very good agricultural land, they are only guaranteeing to provide 50 MW of generation and battery storage. Just as the Ukraine war shows relaying on unreliable foreign sources for energy is folly so is relying on the same unreliable sources for food.