

The impact of the Sunnica scheme is massive compared to any previously granted solar scheme in the UK given the sheer scale of the project proposed. Unlike with the likes of Cleve Hill, where the impact is concentrated to a small area and local community, the proposed project spans as many as 16 local parishes, is impossible to screen and takes out over 2,500 acres of quality farmland for at least 40 years (a generation). We do not believe this land will ever be returned to farming. The documents in the application do not state it will be returned to agriculture. This is especially difficult to accept when local produce is at a premium. This project is exposed as not being carbon neutral and is of no local benefit to the communities it effects the most.

The damage the scheme will do to the landscaping and the feel of the area will not be successfully mitigated in 15 years. I believe the mitigation will always look unnatural in the open landscape. There is no provision of funds to clear it up afterwards!

Living in the area I walk cycle run and ride horses in the surrounding countryside which will be badly affected by Sunnica. Horse riding during construction will be impossible because of the traffic and when the scheme is built it will be dangerous as horses are frightened of solar panels. One of my favourite rides is the Badlingham lane to Worlington. Which I have used for the last 20 years. This will not be useable with panels on both sides of the track.

I have worked on a farm at Badlingham less than half a mile from Sunnica East Site B as a part time worker for the last 10 years. I do not understand the description of the land as poor. We regularly harvest crops of over 60 tonnes per hectare of potatoes and over 8 tonnes of high quality milling wheat. This is simply not possible to do on poor land.

As the locals all agree Sunnica is too large and in the wrong place. I strongly encourage you to refuse the application like the two District Councils.