

“Reward Home” Testimony

My solar energy installation project proved much more trouble to implement than anyone could have expected. As my house is listed grade II it was not possible to put the panels on my roof, even though this is South facing. There was no convenient place in the garden that would not detract from the appearance of the house, so the only possibility was to place the panels in the field behind the house. As sheep graze this field, my initial plan was to put the panels on a pagoda behind the garden wall. Unfortunately this would have been visible from a local footpath and the local planning authority objected. The proposed site was moved East, but now it was close to land that is a scheduled ancient monument because there used to be a mediaeval settlement in the area. Now English Heritage had to be consulted as well as the local planning authority. Approval was finally obtained, but the planners still required the panels to be screened off from view from the footpath with a solid hit and miss wood panel fence. The installation was finally installed in a single day, eleven months after the order was placed. Affordable Solar Energy were of great help and handled the planning applications for me at every stage. Now I am delighted to find that my 3.7kw system is generating at times more than the design capacity and in its first two weeks has generated more than double the forecast output. I have also noted how family habits have changed to run devices such as the washing machine and dish washer in the middle of the day to make use of the free electricity.

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