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**Sent:** 21 January 2020 19:24  
**To:** Planning <[planning@welhat.gov.uk](mailto:planning@welhat.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Taylor Wimpy Solar Panels

So sorry, I assumed the email would include the topic.  
I can't find the original post, but there is another reference to the planning application here:  
"Housebuilder Taylor Wimpey has requested to remove solar PV from a planning application lodged with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council."

"On this occasion, the fabrics used within the homes of the proposed development on land off Chequers Field in Welwyn Garden City, will meet the high environmental standards expected of us without the necessity for photovoltaic panels." - who will check/pay to check to make sure this actually happens?

[https://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/news/solar\\_to\\_be\\_removed\\_from\\_new\\_taylor\\_wimpey\\_housing\\_development](https://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/news/solar_to_be_removed_from_new_taylor_wimpey_housing_development) I understand that there is a consultation going on, but my issue is over who follows up with the "high standard" auditing. It is much easier to audit a solar panel installation than what material was used in, for example, the wall cavities on a whole estate. It is also far more sensible to include the panels at the building stage rather than relying on "market forces". With the removal of the FIT the incentive for people to fit their own is now very much lower, but there are still incentives on electric cars. We will end up with more load on the grid with nothing to supply it with if we are not careful. I hope you consider this decision carefully and recommend to reject the planning application to remove the requirement for panels. Once one estate is allowed to dodge the requirement, they will all try to...

Best regards,

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**Sent:** 18 January 2020 17:22  
**To:** Contact-WHC  
**Subject:** Taylor Wimpy Solar Panels

Hi,  
I know I'm outside the area, but hope you will take note of my plea.  
Should you agree to allow TW to no longer fit solar panels you will be sending a message to other builders that it is ok to ignore our current energy situation.  
We need more green energy, it is not just about reducing the amount used, it is also about energy management. Adding solar to new build is a far lower cost than retrofit and will contribute to local energy requirements. We need people to switch to EVs to improve local air quality, how better to sell this to buyers of new homes with the potential to charge their car for free!  
There is another side to the energy saving through materials too. Builders generally only have to prove the air tightness and general build quality on one or two properties on an estate. Who is going to check that all the homes on the estate meet the requirements? It is easy to count solar panels...  
Please, don't let Taylor Wimpy do this. If they do it here, then they will do it everywhere and a great opportunity to generate clean energy, which is desperately needed, will be lost.

Best regards,