Opportunities from Solar Canopies

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Background





- 170MW of Solar PV already developed by PPS
- Wholly owned by Swindon Borough Council
- OJEU approved Dynamic Purchasing System
- UK's first Innovative Finance ISA (IFISA) allowing local community to invest in renewable energy with tax free returns



Waste

- UK's first Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF)
 Annual saving c£1m p/a to Swindon
 Borough Council
- 97% of waste diverted from landfill
- Waste to Energy plant in early planning
- 2.5 MW Barnfield solar private wire project to power the SRF Plant delivering
- Addition of battery storage in 2019



Winner of the Association for Public Service Excellence award, 'Best Renewable Energy or Energy Efficiency Initiative' for Chapel Farm Solar Park, September 2017

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Solar Carports Benefits

- Local Authorities well placed to benefit
 - c17,000 parking facilities in the UK 40% owned by Local Authorities
 - £1.5 bn/pa turnover



- Opportunity to maximise revenue / deliver savings from an unexploited asset
 - Car parks often located near to ideal off-takers Civic Centre, leisure centre, shopping centres
 - Sites of high and constant electricity demand
 - Long Tenure , 20 years +
 - Private wire self consumption or PPA to a third party
 - Self consumption / direct sale to an end customer best return
 - New MW+ car ports in construction

Solar Carports Benefits

- Environmental benefits
 - Significant carbon savings 500 kWp system 160 tCo2 /pa
 - Connecting to a building can improve environmental score
 - 80% of the population support solar
 - Highly visible demonstration of low carbon leadership
- Further financial benefits
 - Premium for covered parking, higher footfall
 - Shelter from the elements for the user
- Future proofing for expected rollout of EV charge-points
 - EV charging infrastructure sites well with solar car ports
 - Dual siting of EV chargers and solar car ports reduces installation costs
 - Enabling works for EV charging included at marginal cost
 - Site future proofed for EV rollout with positive return from solar pv
- Battery Storage grid services revenue

Lighting Upgrade?

County Hall Case Study



Solar Car Park Practicalities

- Location near to appropriate off-taker important to maximise return
- Costs and timescales for grid connection is critical G59 required for >50 kWp
- Surface vs multi-storey car parks?
- Long double rows more cost effective
- Financial return duopitch more cost-effective than monopitch



- Timescales
- 65 working days for grid offer
 - Minimum 6 weeks planning
 - Procurement
 - Minimum 4 weeks for install of 1 MWp

Solar Car Park Costs and Funding

More expensive than ground mounted and standard rooftop

- > 1 MWp £1,100 / kWp but as low as £850 / kWp...
- < 1 MWp £1,200 / kWp</p>

Funding

- Cash reserves or PWLB funding
- Salix / Green Growth Wales interest free loan
- Community Funding?

PPA from 3rd party?

- No capital outlay
- For the right off-taker profitable return for PPA model for solar car por

Summary

Shared Benefits

- Cost-effective sharing of construction costs of solar canopies and EV charging infrastructure
- Future proof parking facilities for EV charging rollout whilst generating a positive financial and environmental return
- Share funding streams such as Green Growth Wales interest free finance

Next Steps

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High level assessment of parking facilities -
Location to buildings with high energy demand
Grid
Planning
Solar generation capacity
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Questions?

