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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation or alteration of solar equipment on domestic premises

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 14, Class A

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	18
Suffix	
Property Name	
Address Line 1	Deards End Lane
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Hertfordshire
Town/city	Knebworth
Postcode	SG3 6NL

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
524712	220679

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Adam

Surname

MacDonald

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

18 Deards End Lane

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

KNEBWORTH

County

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SG3 6NL

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Eligibility

Permitted development rights are subject to conditions set by legislation to ensure that only appropriate proposals are eligible.

The need to apply to the Local Planning Authority to see if prior approval is required is one such condition.

The questions below will help determine if the proposals are eligible for this permitted development right.

For solar proposals, there are several different permitted development rights, each covering specific types of work. Therefore, if not eligible for this one, you may:

- be eligible for a different solar permitted development right;
- not require prior approval;
- require an application for planning permission.

General

Is this application for the installation, alteration or replacement of microgeneration solar PV or solar thermal equipment on -

(a) a dwellinghouse or a block of flats; or

(b) a building situated within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse or a block of flats?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Note: 'Microgeneration' in this context means that the total installed capacity of any equipment should not exceed:

(a) in relation to the generation of electricity, 50 kilowatts;

(b) in relation to the production of heat, 45 kilowatts thermal.

Is any part of the site designated as scheduled monument?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Would the solar equipment be installed on a building which is within the curtilage of a block of flats or dwelling house which is a listed building?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Would the development be, so far as practicable, sited to minimise the effect on the external appearance of the building and amenity of the local area, and be removed as soon as practicable when no longer needed?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Type of Work

Would the proposed solar PV or solar thermal equipment be situated on a:

☐ Pitched Roof

☒ Flat Roof

☐ Wall

Flat Roof

Would the highest part of the proposed solar PV or solar equipment be more than 0.6 metres higher than the highest part of the roof (excluding any chimney)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Would the proposed equipment be installed on a building situated:

- in a conservation area;
- in an area of outstanding natural beauty;
- in an area specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enhancement and protection of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside;
- in the Broads;
- in a National Park;
- in a World Heritage Site?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Description

Please describe the proposed development

installation of 9 solar panels on flat part of roof below higher pitched roof on either side of it, out of view from surrounding area

Please provide details of any impact of the solar equipment on the land and how this will be mitigated. This should also identify and address the land's designation(s) as:

- conservation area;
- area of outstanding natural beauty;
- an area specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enhancement and protection of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside;
- the Broads;
- a National Park;
- a World Heritage Site.

our house is situated on deards end land which is part of a conservation area, the solar panels will be installed on the flat roof area of the roof below higher pitched roof areas either side, out of sight from surrounding properties.

having sought professional planning advice, have been advised that there is a clear case that the installation benefits from Permitted Development (PD) rights, and that prior approval is not required, by virtue of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 ["GPDO"], Part 14 Renewable Energy, Class A – installation or alteration etc of solar equipment on domestic premises.

the installation will have much less impact than if the panels were installed on the roof slope of the building; such an installation would not require an application for a determination as to whether prior approval is required.

We have researched a number of installations, alongside a flat roof installation, within the Deards End Lane Conservation Area and note that several have been installed without express planning permission. It is understood that no enforcement action has been undertaken in relation to these installations with the apparent acceptance of the Council that they are indeed PD.

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Installation or alteration of solar equipment on domestic premises as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Adam MacDonald

Date

01/04/2026

