

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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	Chiltern Road
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Hertfordshire
Town/city	Hitchin
Postcode	SG4 9PJ

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

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
519314	229080
Description	

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Dr

First name

Timothy

Surname

Chapman

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

18 Chiltern Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Hitchin

County

Country

GB

Postcode

SG4 9PJ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please give detailed description of all such operations (includes the need to describe any proposal to alter or create a new access, layout any new street, construct any associated hard-standings, means of enclosure or means of draining the land/buildings) and indicate on your plans (in the case of a proposed building the plan should indicate the precise siting and exact dimensions)

Installation of up to 24 solar panels on the roof of the single storey rear extension.
Installation of a battery system to aid the energy efficiency of the solar panels. The battery is to be installed at ground level to side of house next to the electricity meter.

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Has the proposal been started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Grounds for Application

Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

These are green energy installation systems for the house. Solar and battery installation come under lawful / permitted development. LDC sought due to the house being in a conservation zone and on advice of a conservation officer.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

Attached is a information document showing the placement on the roof, the number of panels and type as well as battery type.

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

Information about the proposed use(s)

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

C3 - Dwellinghouses

Is the proposed operation or use

- ☒ Permanent
☐ Temporary

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

The installation of the solar panels and battery should come under permitted development as this is a green energy saving installation.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

30/07/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

Your enquiry about the solar panels: The previous LDCP for 16 solar panels (26/01492/TCA) can't be increased I'm afraid, the options are to instal the 16 that have approval or if you would like to increase the quantity a new LDCP application would be appropriate.

For the battery charger, please refer to the following information: Permitted development for electric vehicle chargers - Electric vehicle charging - Planning Portal and a LDCP application cab be submitted for this work too.

You could include both elements on one LDCP application to be considered but I'll leave this with you to consider.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☒ Owner
- ☐ Lessee
- ☐ Occupier
- ☐ Other

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use 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

Timothy Chapman

Date

18/08/2026

Amendments Summary

As requested, I have adjusted the site location plan to include a road name, and also uploaded architectural drawings of the roof plan, proposed and identifying the site of the panels.