

Installing Solar Panels using the Local Listed Building Consent Order

If you intend to install solar panels under the Order you will need to submit an application for approval of condition telling us the following things: -

- position – where the equipment will be located on the roof;
- size of the equipment, e.g., how many PV panels;
- fixing – the form and colour of the frame – a colour coated or painted finish in a dark colour will be asked for if the equipment is visible from the ground;
- colour and finish of the panels or equipment – panels should be in a colour close to that of the roof covering and with a low-reflective finish if they are visible from neighbouring properties or the ground;
- the location of any associated equipment – particularly of any externally located elements; and
- if relevant, any strengthening works to the roof that are required.

The contractor providing/installing the equipment should be able to answer these questions. We will accept written descriptions, schematic plans or annotated photographs if they are sufficiently clear.

An application for approval of conditions can be made through the planning portal – start a planning application here <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/planning/planning-applications/how-to-apply/planning-permission-and-building-regulations-approval> This application relates to a grant of listed building consent, and so is free.

The application form should make it clear that it relates to condition vi) of the Local Listed Building Consent Order dated 18th May 2022.

To note only (no submission required) the other conditions in the Order are as follows: -

- i) the solar equipment is to be installed on a roof structure;
- ii) the solar equipment is not to be placed on any roof slope facing a highway;
- iii) the solar equipment would protrude no more than 0.2 metres beyond the plane of the roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the roof, unless agreed otherwise in writing by the local planning authority;
- iv) no part of the solar equipment would be higher than the highest part of the roof, excluding chimneys;
- v) the solar equipment is, so far as practicable, sited so as to minimise its effect on the external appearance of the building;
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- vii) the solar equipment is maintained in good order and removed as soon as reasonably practicable when no longer needed. Works of making good, whether internal or external, shall be finished to match the adjacent work with regard to the methods use and to colour, material, texture and profile.