

# Noise Statement

Site name: County Hall

Address: St Annes Crescent, LEWES BN7 1UE

Reference: PP-09904020

Local Authority: South Downs National Park Authority



Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

## 1. Project Summary

The installation of roof top mounted solar PV arrays and battery storage. Details provided in the Design Access statement and supporting site and rooftop plans.

## 2. Noise Impact

Noise impact during installation and during operation of solar PV panels and associated battery storage will have low or no impact on noise levels in the surrounding area.

Pre-planning advice from Russell Piffold, Development Management Support Technician at South Downs National Park Authority (image of email below) confirmed that a formal noise assessment would not be relevant for the installation and operation of rooftop solar PV panels and a simple statement as above explaining why we believe this to be the case should suffice.

RE: Solar PV Planning Application - Noise Assessment

Planning <Planning@southdowns.gov.uk>  
To: Janette Ackroyd  
You forwarded this message on 03/06/2021 14:04.

Hi Janette

Yes, there is no need to go to the expense of commissioning a noise report if you don't think it's necessary.

You can upload a simple document that explains why you believe it isn't relevant in this instance, and that will suffice.

Obviously, if the case officer requires more information at a later date, then you may be required to provide it. But for validation purposes, the above document should be satisfactory.

Kind regards

Russell Piffold  
Development Management Support Technician  
South Downs National Park Authority

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From: Janette Ackroyd [redacted]  
Sent: 03 June 2021 11:34  
To: Planning <Planning@southdowns.gov.uk>  
Cc: Paul Hardman [redacted]  
Subject: Solar PV Planning Application - Noise Assessment

Hi Russell

I am part way through loading one of the rooftop solar PV applications onto the planning portal and having got to the relevant documents section it looks like you need a noise assessment? Screen shot below states a noise assessment MUST be provided. As solar PV panels have no impact on noise how best to progress as we don't want to spend previous £ grant or taxpayer money on a consultant who will state there is no noise impact! My boss Andy Arnold is a the East Sussex CC lead on noise, so would an email from Andy to this effect suffice or do we actually have to get a formal noise assessment done? Or is there simple template report we can use, perhaps with input from Andy Arnold on there?

A screenshot of the Planning Portal interface. The page title is "Your application". Under the "Supporting Documents" section, there is a list of documents. A red rectangular box highlights a specific document entry, which appears to be a requirement for a noise assessment. The text in the box is partially obscured but clearly indicates that a noise assessment is required.

## About this document:

<p><b>Enquiries</b> East Sussex County Council Paul Hardman, Energy Efficiency Officer [Redacted] Janette Ackroyd, Client Emergency Officer [Redacted]</p>	<p><b>Version number:</b> 1.0 <b>Related information</b></p>
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