

Dear Mr Robinson
Your rejection ufm2 and ufm3

Apologies if I have completely misunderstood the situation, but my application was for you to agree to my installing solar panels on a tiled roof of a brick/weatherboard 'barn' adjacent to the historic thatched cottage that brings with it listed II status. The placing of solar panels would not require any household planning approval for a non-listed building, so my first puzzlement is why does the listed request have to go along with a full planning application (your ufm3)? Did I use the wrong category on the online application- although that is what I was told by the 10-minute free planning chat I had with 'Adam'.

The second assumption I had was that addition of renewable energy at private expense would be welcomed by the government as a valued contribution to the country's climate change obligations. We are in such a climate crisis that I thought that procedures would be made as simple and inexpensive as possible. Yet your ufm2 appears to apply the same demands on the applicant as substantive changes/ additions to listed buildings. When we have applied in the past (as in the 2007/8 application for kitchen extension) this has required the involvement of an architect and considerable expense. Since the investment I am proposing is already uneconomic (in the sense that the electricity generated is unlikely to repay the capital in less than 20 years and motivated more by duty than profit), I cannot justify the employment of additional experts in such a simple case. I had thus hoped that you would have a simple and streamlined process that would cut out all but the core issues related to the listed status.

With these introductory comments, please consider the following in response to ufm2 in the hope that ufm3 is either unnecessary or the same information can be used.

Location.

The sketch I gave from our deeds left no ambiguity on our location, so again am puzzled at the request for supplementary info which has no bearing on the question of adding solar panels to the barn roof. Nevertheless, we have the location sketch that was accepted for our 2008 application and this is attached in 2 parts (scale 1:500 and 1:2500) from an A3 sheet. I have converted to a pdf. You ask for visibility information, but as I pointed out in the original online form, the west-facing roof of the barn is not visible from Craft Way or Hay Street due to vegetation cover and buildings. You would have to enter our garden and approach within 30 m of the house before the barn roof becomes visible.

Barn elevations

There are no changes to the barn dimensions from the installation of panels, which are now added as comment bubbles to the barn pdf attached. Barn ridge length is 7m, roof slope width 3.7 and height from ground to roof guttering 3m.

Solar Panels

Those recommended by Greenscape are Bloomberg Tier 1 Black Panels (400W). For a product specification and fitting calculations, see the attached Qcell.pdf

Roof Plan

The roof plan provided by the contractor was in the document already supplied (page 2 of layoutSG80PE.pdf). The roof dimensions are already provided (top length 7m, vertical width 3,7m).

Additional Info

I understand that the conservation colleague's main concern is visual impact. They may find the photo on page 2 or 3 of the jobcard.pdf file already provided useful. Also, can I remind you that this side of the barn roof is not visible outside our garden,

I sincerely hope that this enables you to consider our application. Even though you may think that the renewable electricity is trivial in comparison to the crisis we face (which it is of

course), without individuals deciding to act themselves, governments will be unable to meet their climate obligations.

Yours sincerely

Michael Norton (Dr)

Attachments

Location2.pdf

BarnFront.pdf

Qcelldatasheet.pdf