

I am applying for listed building consent to instal solar panels in an inward facing roof valley in 18 Frome Road , Beckington, Bath. BA11 6TD. They will not be visible from ground level, or from any window of any neighbour. The only means of seeing them will be through a skylight in our own attic (which has insufficient head room to be used at any time as living space).

I believe the Conservation Officer will take an interest in the fixing system for these panels. Details may be found here:

<https://www.renusal.com/en/solar-panel-mounting/pitched-roof-tiles-fibre-cement-etc/vs/>

Access to the site will be via the alleyway between 18 and 20 Frome Road, which we own (it is not an access to number 20 or to the garden of that house). Scaffolding will need to be erected in this alleyway to the side of the house, but no scaffolding will be necessary on the front or back of the house.

I am not aware of the need for any skip licence or other intrusion to the normal use of the road.

I believe that this is suitable development because it will significantly mitigate the demand for electricity which the property makes. Several of our floors have electric underfloor heating and solar power, along with a storage battery, will improve the environmental performance of the building without negatively affecting the structure of it, without requiring intrusive alterations, and without affecting the visual amenity of the building. Given the importance of all households reducing their carbon footprint, I hope the Conservation Officer, Planning Officer or Council will consider a modest, invisible, solar array a suitable way to make a contribution to the reduction in carbon emissions of this household.

It is frustrating that Beckington has sufficiently poor mobile phone signal that normal smart meters are not available to residents on Frome Road. Any encouragement that Somerset Council is able to give to enable local residents to enjoy the same online amenity as those who live in larger settlements would be much appreciated!

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