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Huntingdonshire DISTRICT COUNCIL

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation or alteration etc of stand-alone solar equipment on domestic premises

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 14, Class B

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: 34

Suffix:

Property Name:

Address Line 1: Blacksmiths Lane

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3: Cambridgeshire

Town/city: Abbotsley

Postcode: PE19 6UG

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

Easting (x): 522676

Northing (y): 256496

Description:

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Timothy

Surname

Hardy

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

34 Blacksmiths Lane

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Abbotsley, Huntingdonshire

County

Country

GB

Postcode

PE19 6UG

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

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Fax number

Email address

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Eligibility

Permitted development rights are subject to conditions set by legislation to ensure that only appropriate proposals are eligible. The need to apply to the Local Planning Authority to see if prior approval is required is one such condition. The questions below will help determine if the proposals are eligible for this permitted development right.

For solar proposals, there are several different permitted development rights, each covering specific types of work. Therefore, if not eligible for this one, you may:

- be eligible for a different solar permitted development right;
- not require prior approval;
- require an application for planning permission.

This permitted development right was amended on 27 August 2026 to widen the scope of solar installations for dwellinghouses (whilst broadly retaining the existing criteria for blocks of flats).

However, the right was also updated to:

- limit installations of 'plug in solar' on wooden structures and surfaces to mitigate fire risk; and
- require an application for prior approval in the case of stand-alone solar installed on 'Article 2(3) land' within 5 metres of the boundary of the curtilage

Proposals that do not meet the revised criteria are temporarily allowed to use the previous version of the permitted development right, though this will mean you are not able to benefit from any of the amendments made.

Select the checkbox below if you wish to use the previous version on this basis. Otherwise you should continue through this application, which is based on the current legislation as amended.

☑ **I/We confirm that this application will use the permitted development right as it stood prior to 27 August 2026, as the proposal is no longer eligible under the amended right.**

In confirming this, I/we understand that:
• The application must be received by the local authority by 26 August 2027 (the payment process on Planning Portal must be completed before the application will be submitted)
• Failure to do this could result in application being refused without the fee being refunded

You should ensure that your proposal complies with the rights as they stood on 26 August 2026.

Under that version of the right, an application for prior approval was only required for stand-alone solar installations in a conservation area, nearer to any highway which bounds the curtilage than the part of the dwellinghouse or block of flats which is nearest to that highway.

Applications for any other proposal may be refused without a refund being issued.

Description

Please describe the proposed development

The proposed installation of 20 solar panels would take advantage of the existing roof ridge line as it is oriented east/west and therefore the installed panels would operate efficiently with the passage of the sun and the natural inclination of the panels when mounted on the roof. The panels would also be supported by the installation of battery capacity from which both the house and an EV charger would draw power. Excess energy from the solar panels would also be used to heat water for domestic use. The current energy supply to the house comprises both mains electricity and heating oil contained within a bonded tank. There is no mains gas supply in Abbotsley.

Please provide details of any impact of the stand-alone solar on the character of the conservation area and how this would be mitigated

The provider of the solar panel installation has been instructed to fit the panels to the roofing by the so-called "In Roof" method which means that the panels would sit flush with the existing tiles thus providing a much neater and cleaner appearance than panels mounted on a metal framework. The benefits of installed solar energy would suit the conservation area by reducing emissions from the oil fired central heating/hot water and exhaust emissions from my vehicle.
Because of the nature of the installation, there are no negative effects on water run off nor flood risk.

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Installation or alteration etc of stand-alone solar equipment on domestic premises 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 Hardy

Date

20/10/2026