DESIGN STATEMENT



PLANNING APPLICATION
FOR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS

1 THE GARDENS CHIPPENHAM SN14 6EZ

1.00 INTRODUCTION

1.01 Planning Permission ref. 07/02256/FUL for The Gardens development was granted on 7 April 2008.

1.02 Condition 6 included in the Permission stated that "Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 there shall be no extension or external alteration to any building forming part of the development hereby permitted."

1.03 It is the government's Energy Security Strategy to increase solar capacity and the the installation of solar panels is usually permitted development. However Condition 6 precludes this, hence this planning application.

2.00 PROPOSALS

2.01 It is proposed that solar panels are installed on the front and rear roof slopes of the property. The existing roof covering consists of slates and Vertex S solar manufactured by TrinaSolar are proposed which are black with black frames.



Fig 1. Indication of general appearance of proposed solar panels

2.02 There is little visibility of the rear roof slope from the surrounding areas. Therefore it is proposed that the panels are fitted on top of the existing roof slates in the usual manner. A photograph of a similar installation is indicated below.



Fig 2. Rear roof slope



Fig 3. Solar panels to rear roof slope fixed on top of existing slates

2.03 The front roof slope is much more visible and therefore it is proposed that the panels are installed recessed so that so that the face of the panels is in a similar plane to the roof finish. A photograph of a similar installation is indicated below.



Fig 4. Front roof slope



Fig 2. Solar panels to front roof slope recessed

3.00 CONCLUSION

3.01 It is government policy to encourage solar power and we would suggest that the careful choice of solar panels and their proposed location is such that the installation would not adversely affect the visual amenity of the area.

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