DESIGN STATEMENT

RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY AT

8 THE GARDENS, CHIPPENHAM SN14 6EZ

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Planning permission ref: 07/02256/FUL for The Gardens Development was granted on 7 April 2008.

1.2 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."

1.3 In December 2022 the Management Company for The Gardens Development gave permission for us (the registered owner) to fit solar panels to the rear of the property, but we were not advised that we also needed to obtain planning permission.

1.4 A neighbour brought this to our attention when they recently applied for and were granted planning permission to fit solar panels to No 1 The Gardens under application PL/2023/06393.

1.5 It is the government's Energy Security Strategy to increase solar capacity and the installation of solar panels is usually permitted development. However, Condition 6 of planning application 07/02256/FUL precludes this, hence this retrospective planning application.

2 PROPOSALS

2.1 The 8 x solar panels fitted to the rear of the property are SHARP 410w NU-JC400B Black Half-Cell PV Solar Panels 120 Cells.

2.2 The inverter is a SOLAX Power X1 Boost

2.3 The panels are pitched roof mounted with mesh to the underside (to prevent birds from nesting underneath).

2.4 The panels and inverter were installed by UPS Solar, Enterprise Business Park, Unit 5 BRK, Runshaw Ln, Euxton, Chorley PR7 6HD
Phone number: 0800 644 6887 Email: info@ups-solar.co.uk

Rear of the property 8 The Gardens Chippenham showing the position of the 8 x Solar PV Panels in situ.



3 CONCLUSION

3.1 We note that Wiltshire County Council encourage renewable and low-carbon energy sources and we hope that this retrospective planning application can be approved.