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Dear Mr Butterworth

REF: CCR/PE/00800/10
RE: Energy harvesting schemes

Thank you for your email dated 7 March 2010 regarding the above matter.

In some cases you might not need planning permission. This is if the proposed development is in line with one of the various classes of development and associated conditions under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order, as amended 2008.

Part 40 governs Permitted Development on the Installation of Domestic Microgeneration Equipment. The various classes under this section of the Order permits the installation provided certain criteria are adhered to. I have provided a brief summary of the classes below;

Class A – The installation, alteration or replacement of Solar Photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment on (a) a dwelling house or (b) a building situated within the curtilage of a dwelling house are permitted provided they do not;

- protrude more than 200 millimetres beyond the plane of the wall or the roofslope,
- exceed the highest part of the roof (excluding any chimney).
- In the case of land within a Conservation Area solar equipment would not be permitted on a wall forming the principal or side elevation of the dwelling house and would be visible from a highway.
- In the case of a Conservation Area solar equipment would not be permitted on a wall of the dwelling house which is visible from a highway.
- No solar equipment can be installed on a listed building without planning and listed building consent.

Solar equipment should, so far as practicable, be sited so as to minimise its effect on the external appearance of the building and the amenity of the area.

Class B – The installation or replacement of stand alone solar equipment within the curtilage of a dwelling house are permitted provided;

- there is no more than one within the curtilage
- it would not exceed 4m in height above ground level

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- In the case of a Conservation Area solar equipment would not be permitted in a location which is visible from a highway.
- Would not be situated within 5m of the boundary
- the surface of the panels would not exceed 9 square metres or any dimension would exceed 3m.
- Would not be located within the grounds of a listed building

Class C – The installation, alteration or replacement of a ground source heat pump within the curtilage of a dwelling house is permitted.

Class D – The installation, alteration or replacement of a water source heat pump within the curtilage of a dwelling house is permitted.

Class E – The installation, alteration or replacement of a flue, forming part of a biomass heating system, on a dwelling house is permitted provided;

- it does not exceed the highest part of the roof by 1m
- in the case of it being situated within a Conservation Area the flue should not be located on a wall or roofslope forming the principal or side elevation of the dwelling house and would be visible from a highway.

Class F – The installation, alteration or replacement of a flue, forming part of a combined heat and power system on a dwelling house is permitted provided;

- it does not exceed the highest part of the roof by more than 1m
- in the case of it being situated within a Conservation Area the flue should not be located on a wall or roofslope forming the principal or side elevation of the dwelling house and would be visible from a highway.

I trust this answers your query however should you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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