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To: "planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk" <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Gardner

I would like to address the concerns my neighbours in Sheridan Road have voiced concerning our application to install solar panels on our garage roof.

There is a question of why we have not installed the panels on our south facing roof. Unfortunately due to the gable front of our roof, we have been told that there is insufficient south facing area to make installing panels worthwhile. See attachment 1

The panels are installed at a 10 degree angle meaning that the highest point will only be 320mm above the shed roof. In terms of casting additional shade over our neighbour's garden, I cannot see that it will impact much more than their own 6ft fence panel. The green house will not be affected at all as this is already shaded by their own shed. See aerial view from google earth Google Earth

Google Earth

With regard to spoiling the aspect from the rear windows in Sheridan Road, you will note that my rear neighbours have a number of large trees in their gardens which I imagine act as effective screens for their first floor windows. As to the second floor windows, (from loft conversions that we had no consultation on even though they may now overlook our garden), if our garage roof is visible the panels will be black on a black roof so will barely be noticeable. (We have recently renewed the garage roof and it is now covered in new black torch-on felt).

With regards to setting a precedent, most householders in the area have more south facing roof than we do. It is only the end of terrace houses that have the gable frontage. Many of these end of terraces however have extended their roofs to allow for loft conversions and have therefore increased the amount of south facing roof they can use. Of those that have not, not all will have a suitable flat roofed outbuilding on which to install panels. As my understanding is installing panels on a pitched house roof comes within permitted development and therefore does not require permission, I would imagine that this would be the preferred option for most households, rather than going for the expense of applying for planning consent. It would certainly be ours if that were possible.

Finally, I would like to make the point of why we wish to install these panels. We are pensioners, we will be lucky if we live long enough for the panels to pay for themselves in our lifetime, however we are very concerned about the impact of climate change on our grandchildren and feel that we should do all that we can to mitigate the amount of fossil fuels we use. (This is why we have a PHEV car) The more householders using alternative energy, the closer we can get to net zero. In addition, the war in Ukraine has made it clear that the UK

needs to be more self sufficient in energy and more households using solar energy will mean less pressure on the grid.

I hope and trust that you will take these points into consideration when making your decision.

Yours sincerely

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