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Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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	22
Suffix	
Property Name	
Address Line 1	Firle Road
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	West Sussex
Town/city	Lancing
Postcode	BN15 0NZ

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

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
518000	106038
Description	

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Steve

Surname

Gooch

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

22 Firle Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

North Lancing

County

Country

GB

Postcode

BN15 0NZ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Description of Proposed Works

Please describe the proposed works

Has the work already been started without consent?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trees and Hedges

Are there any trees or hedges on the property or on adjoining properties which are within falling distance of the proposed development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Will any trees or hedges need to be removed or pruned in order to carry out your proposal?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions, extinguishment and/or creation of public rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Parking

Will the proposed works affect existing car parking arrangements?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Biodiversity net gain

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 sets out that every planning permission granted for the development of land in England shall be deemed to have been granted subject to the 'biodiversity gain condition' requiring development to achieve a net gain of 10% of biodiversity value.

This is subject to exemptions, an exemption applies in relation to planning permission for a development which is the subject of a householder application, within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order (2015)*.

Applicants for planning permission are required to make a statement as to whether they believe the biodiversity gain condition will apply if permission is granted, please confirm:

- ☒ It is my belief that if permission is granted for the development to which this application relates the biodiversity gain condition would not apply

*A 'householder application' means an application for planning permission for development for an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse which is not an application for change of use or an application to change the number of dwellings in a building.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

PREAPP/0114/26

Date (must be pre-application submission)

03/08/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

Our Reference: PREAPP/0114/26

Ground mounted solar panels in rear garden

22 Firle Road, Lancing

Dear Mr Gooch

Thank you for your recent pre-application enquiry regarding the above and for showing me around the site on 4th August.

You are proposing two banks of ground-mounted solar panels each measuring 9.4m x 3.2m, located one behind the other on rising ground. Due to the angle required, the maximum height above ground level is shown as being 2.5m. The land is considered to be residential curtilage having previously formed part of the garden of 20 Firle Road.

As a result of its height and proximity to the boundary I can confirm that planning permission is required.

The site is on rising ground at the rear of your original garden and is screened from many views by existing outbuildings, vegetation and boundary treatments. While the height of the highest part above ground level exceeds that of a boundary fence the visual impact is not considered to be unduly intrusive or harmful in the wider area. Limited views of the panels may be possible from some neighbouring properties but such views should not cause a significant loss of residential amenity.

There is strong support for renewable energy generation and overall I consider that an application for the panels as shown in your enquiry is likely to be supported.

You should be aware that a future application will be subject to consideration of third party representations.

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Application forms and a list of documents required to support a planning application can be found at the link below:

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/planning/applications/submit-fees-forms/>

Yours sincerely

Peter Barnett

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Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

E.g. All the land is owned by a single individual

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

*** "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.**

**** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.**

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- ☒ The Applicant
- ☐ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Steve

Surname

Gooch

Declaration Date

19/08/2026

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Householder planning permission 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

Steve Gooch

Date

20/08/2026