

SOLAR PANELS and PLANNING CONSENT for residential property, advice for Redland and Cotham residents

The Government's Regulations on this subject are new. For this reason you are recommended always to contact the Planning Department to confirm whether an application is required. However, here is a brief summary of the regulations in relatively plain English.

General rule.

Solar panels and associated equipment are not allowed to project above the roof ridge, or more than 200mm (8") from a roof or wall surface. You must always follow this rule.

Whether you need to make a planning application depends on what sort of property you live in – whether it is a **House** or **Flat**, and whether it is in a **Conservation Area** or not.

House – not in Conservation Area – application not required, regardless of aspect of panels (aspect means whether they face the street, can be easily seen etc).

House – in Conservation Area.

Panels facing, and visible from, front or side streets – application required.
(No panels facing front or side streets – application not required)

Flat, converted or purpose built – application required whether in Conservation Area or not, and regardless of aspect.

Listed building. Application always required.

You are recommended to explain your intentions to neighbours who may be affected by the installation.

Having to make an application does not imply that there will be difficulties.

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