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## DO I NEED PLANNING PERMISSION TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS?

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If you answer **YES** to **ANY** of the following questions you **NEED PLANNING PERMISSION:**

Tick Answer

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will the solar panels be located in a conservation area, or within the curtilage of a listed building?</li></ul>	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will the solar panels be attached to and protrude more than 1 metre from the outer surface of an external wall, roof plane, roof ridge or chimney of the house or flat?</li></ul>	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If free-standing, would any part of the solar panel array be forward of a wall forming part of the principal elevation or side elevation where that elevation fronts a road?</li></ul>	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If free-standing, will the solar panel array exceed 3 metres in height?</li></ul>	Yes	No

If you have answered **NO** to **ALL** these questions you should not require planning permission. Please give us your name, address and signature below and return this Questionnaire. We will then be able to confirm in writing whether or not planning permission is required. Such **written** confirmation is often important when it comes to selling a house. Make sure you have answered every question.

It would be helpful to include dimensioned plans of the proposal and the site layout of your house plot, particularly if you are in any doubt about the answer to any of the above questions.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Post Code: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

## Definitions:

“**curtilage**” means the grounds associated with and immediately surrounding a dwelling, normally comprising the garden, courtyard and driveway etc.

“**principal elevation**” means the one elevation of the original house which, by virtue of its design and setting, is its main elevation. Where it is not immediately obvious, the principal elevation may be identified by considering a combination of factors including:

- Location of the main door
- Location and layout of the windows
- The internal layout of the house
- The physical relationship of the elevation to the adjacent road
- Boundary treatments and their screening function
- Orientation of adjacent properties
- Architectural treatment of the elevation in relation to the rest of the house

## Notes:

1. This questionnaire is a summary interpretation of the relevant part of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, as amended up to 6 February 2012. Always return the questionnaire rather than assuming permission is not required, in case the legislation has changed since that date.
2. This questionnaire is not a 'Certificate of Lawful Use or Development' under Section 150 or 151 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended. For further details on how to obtain a certificate please contact Development Management.
3. This questionnaire deals with Planning Permission only. You should also note that Listed Building Consent will almost certainly be required if the solar panels are to be attached to a listed building. Separate guidance notes are available from Building Standards regarding any Building Warrant requirements for the works proposed.