

Solar Panel Appeal 1 (05 May 2026)

Global

- The **benefits** of installing SOLAR PANELS far **outweigh** the argument that this would harm the look/**appearance** of a barn.
- Although 'listed', the barn conversion has **no longer any agricultural value** or historic significance as it has been converted to modern standards and depends on the ever increasing **demands on electric power supply**.
- SOLAR PANELS contribute to the Nation's/Governments' work towards **zero carbon neutrality and energy security**.
- We do not expect to recoup the cost of SOLAR PANELS, but have a **responsibility towards future generations**.

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Local

- **Poor infrastructure/outages** affect all properties in locality.
- SOLAR PANELS **lighten the load on neighbours**, who welcome our plan.
- ROOF is **barely visible** from road or other properties (just fields opposite)
- However, a noisy wind turbine in the field opposite sets a **precedent**.
- ROOF is a very **recent new construction** (ca 2005), with machined clay tiles. There is no evidence of what the roof looked like originally.
- SOLAR PANELS will be clear to **blend in** with tiles and not give an 'engineered' appearance. They are **removable** without damage to the structure.
- ROOF already has a **modern skylight and chimney**, approved by conservation.
- **BUILDING has no 'agrarian character & no particular architectural interest other than than being a barn conversion**.
- CONVERSION is a **modern home** with a well kept garden.

Personal

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- ROOMS in the building have **little light** during day due to small windows, necessitating electric lights on.
- OUTAGES knock out all facilities, which need **resetting**.

REBUTTAL

- The Conservation Officer states that the Hall/Barns show 'illustrative phases of development'.
- SOLAR PANELS are such a 'phase of development'. However, SOLAR PANELS are a **temporary/reversible feature until defunct and replaced by newer innovations**.
- Furthermore, we **strongly rebut** the statement that SOLAR PANELS would result in 'moderate impact on the interest of the listed building'.
- This is in clear **contradiction** to the simultaneous statement that SOLAR PANELS 'would cause minor harm to the setting of the adjacent listed buildings'.
- **Since moving into the property, we have sympathetically maintained and improved the structure of the building, using traditional methods and materials. We also greatly improved the appearance and bio-diversity of the gardens (planting in excess of 300 trees and shrubs). This shows our commitment to maintaining, improving and developing a contemporary upkeep of the building, whilst ensuring its history. The sympathetic upgrading with SOLAR PANELS will maintain its future viability as a traditional building. This will avoid the property falling behind modern standards and environmental expectations and losing saleable value.**
- **NO to SOLAR PANELS would mean that rural properties such as ours are prejudicially discriminated against, thus UNFAIRLY losing the right to energy security and leaving us subject to higher running costs than other buildings.**