

Climate Change Comments

Application No	APP/24/00928
Address	Hayling Island Sailing Club, Sandy Point, Hayling Island, PO11 9SL
Development	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed installation of 158 No photovoltaic panel equipment on non-domestic building
Case Officer	SD
Comments By	EC
Date of Comments	6 th February 2025

Assessment:

This application proposes to install 158 Photovoltaic panels on a non-domestic building in order to increase the amount of renewables onsite. A construction environmental management plan (CEMP) has been submitted by Solar Powerful to outline the proposal. The details include:

- Proposed installation of solar panels buildings that are part of Hayling Island Sailing Club (HISC), Sandy Point, PO11 9SL. The installation will involve the mounting of 158 photovoltaic panels on two building's roofs.
- All panels will be placed more than 1m from the roof edge and will protrude less than 0.2m from the current roof pitch.
- The proposed solar install will produce 72kW of power and reduce annual CO2 emissions by 15 tonnes.
- This project will be a key part of Energise South Downs' first batch of community owned solar PV panels which will contribute to local and national carbon reduction targets

It is noted that the panels are proposed to be Neostar 2s 440W-460W. Furthermore, they are proposed to protrude less than 0.2m from the roof plane and will be black in design reducing their visual appearance.

The Councils Corporate Strategy outlines its intention to have a stronger climate agenda which is supported by the adoption of the Councils latest Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and the latest declaration of a Climate Emergency in Havant Borough.

Within the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan it is noted that Solar PV is one of the main mechanisms of renewable energies that the Borough can accommodate and grow its provision in. The new strategy also outlines ambitious targets to reduce the Boroughs emissions to be net zero by 2045 and this proposal supports this ambition and would make a considerable contribution to this reduction.

Therefore the principle of increasing solar panels and renewable energy in the Borough is supported and is considered to be a positive addition to the building which will reduce carbon emissions of the unit and contribute towards the Borough wide net zero targets. Therefore this should be given due weight in any planning application consideration.

Conclusion:

Increasing the amount of solar PV within the Borough of Havant supports the Councils recently adopted Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. The Borough has ambitious targets to achieve net zero and this development would make a significant contribution to this reduction and should be supported.