Heritage Statement

Supporting proposed solar panel installation
21 Kings Terrace, Emsworth PO10 7AA

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21 Kings Terrace is located in a street within the Emsworth Old Town conservation area.

Kings Terrace is a purely residential neighbourhood, located behind the Emsworth High Street. There are no commercial buildings or premises, although the car park of the Crown is accessed via Kings Terrace.

Although the street has existed for many years, only four houses (numbers 1 through 4) in the street are original. Kings Terrace used to end beyond number 4, and an orchard was located beyond. The majority of houses – including 21 Kings Terrace – were built between 1982 and 1985, and form part of the same development that includes Spring Gardens, Pelham Terrace and Frankland Terrace. That development extended Kings Terrace, and it is now a one-way feeder road for the rest of the development.

The modern buildings in Kings Terrace are predominantly terraced or end-terraced houses, the majority of which front straight onto the road. The Warwick House apartments (above the Coop) are also accessed via Kings Terrace. The properties are all built of brick, and a variety of brick styles/colours and roofing materials have been purposely used to create the illusion of different building periods and styles. 21 Kings Terrace is an end-terrace house, which fronts directly onto the road. The rear of the property looks out onto the car park of the Crown public house. No properties – other than some of the rooms at the Crown (across the car park) overlook the rear of 21 Kings Terrace.

21 Kings Terrace has a tiled roof, with white uPVC facias and soffits, and black guttering. The windows are all white uPVC. This is typical of every other modern property in the road, but some will have wood-coloured windows and darker facias/soffits. Again, this is all intended to introduce inconsistency and encourage a degree of variation between the dwellings. Obviously, the four original houses are typical small terraced cottages. But the modern houses vary as well in terms of décor and style. The visual appearance of 21 Kings Terrace is typical of 1980s-built terraced suburban houses. It's not ugly; but it has no special architectural merits.

21 Kings Terrace has an L-shaped plan, so the house "wraps round" a 90 degree bend in the road. For that reason, I propose to put five solar panels on each of the rear roofs. One faces SW; the other faces SE. Each panel will be black, with a black mesh to prevent birds from nesting between the panels and the tiles. The only other visual change to the building will be a single black cable that feeds the power down the rear wall (which overlooks the pub car park) to an inverter located in the garage.