Climate Change Coordinator Comments

Application No	APP/25/01030
Address	7 Clovelly Road, Emsworth, PO10 7HL
Development	A two storey front extension, a single storey rear extension and associated alterations including alterations to existing garage and conversion of the existing car port
Case Officer	TP
Comments By	EC
Date of Comments	12th February 2026

Corporate/Policy Position

Climate Change and Sustainability considerations are included in the below policies of the adopted local plan and within the Councils Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Adopted Local Plan- Core Strategy

- CS13- Green Infrastructure
- CS14- Efficient use of resources

The Council adopted its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan in 2024 within which the authority sets out its net zero targets and approach to decarbonisation. The council declared a climate emergency in November 2024 to support this direction and further declared a nature emergency in 2025. Therefore, weight should be given to applications aiming to encourage the installation of sustainable and low carbon technologies and support the removal/reduction of greenhouse gas emissions being produced.

Assessment

The application includes a two storey extension which has the potential to impact solar panels on the neighbouring property. In order to assess the potential impact made by this, the applicant has submitted a solar study assessment by Helyer Davies Architects and has completed a sunlight/solar assessment over the months of March, June, September and December.

As a result of the development, the solar study assessment shows that there is an impact caused to the panels in the month of December, between the hours of 3pm-4pm but in the other months assessed and other times provided in December, the impact caused is limited and not significantly altered.

Overshadowing onto solar panels is a material consideration in a planning application and in a response to this, a solar assessment would be required to detail any potential impacts which has been received and assessed.

Conclusion:

The solar study assessment submitted as part of this application demonstrates that as a result of the development at No 7 there would be a limited impact on the solar panels at the neighbouring property in one month, within one hour timescale. Following this assessment the impact caused is considered to be limited and would not be significant enough to justify an objection.