

NAEG comments to PCNPA on Renewable Energy

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PCNPA Officers produced a new Consultation Report to the Authority on 12th October 2011 http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/Files/files/Committee/NPA/12_10_11/52-11%20Response%20to%20SPG.pdf

In summary: As a result of NAEG's comments on the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Renewable Energy, PCNPA Officers have accepted that solar panels and solar photovoltaics are allowed to be installed without planning permission (up to 100% coverage and not to a maximum of 9 sq m as formerly advised) on roofs of a dwelling or a building within the curtilage of a dwelling (even if they front a highway) anywhere within the National Park, including within Conservation Areas

(This is conditional upon them not protruding more than 200m from the plane of the roof or the highest part of the solar equipment not protruding higher than the highest part of the roof excluding chimneys)

In detail: In response to NAEG's objection that the Draft SPG stated that planning permission was required for the installation, alteration or replacement of solar PV or solar thermal equipment on a dwelling house or a building situated within the curtilage of a dwelling house within a Conservation Area, Officers have said

"We apologise for the incorrect wording on this statement and have corrected it to be in line with Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2009."

In response to NAEG's objection to the limitation in the Draft SPG of 9m² of area of solar PV or solar thermal equipment on a dwelling house or a building situated within the curtilage of a dwelling house within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Officers have said

"The wording of this statement was incorrect and has been corrected in line with the Town and Country Planning [General Permitted Development] [Amendment] [Wales] Order 2009"