

Planning Advisory Group: report to Walberswick Parish Council

DC/23/2816/FUL

The Anchor, The Street, Walberswick, Suffolk, IP18 6UA

PV Panels - parapet flat roofing PH rear.

29 August 2023

1. Opinion

The recommendation of PAG is that the application can be **approved**.

2. Description

The PV Panels are proposed to be located on the rear flat roof of The Anchor PH which face south. For clarity the applicant notes that no change is proposed to the external materials of The Anchor PH and especially the elevation that faces The Street. Approximately 18 units are proposed. The panels themselves are set on pre-formed units at the correct angle.

3. Comment

The Anchor building itself and the lodges already have a number of PV panels on the roofs, as permitted through previous applications. The PAG / WPC are generally supportive of applications proposing discreetly located photovoltaic panels within the Conservation Area. The proposed panels will not be visible from The Street, and the drawings and technical data supplied, although basic, indicate that the panels will have a negligible visual impact on the rear elevation of the building. While the site is visible in long views from the AONB to the south, the flat roof to which the panels will be positioned are a considerable distance from footpaths. The effect from longer distance views will be seen against a back drop of buildings and trees in the immediate vicinity. Existing hedges and trees provide some screening.

The views of the AONB Planning Officer should be sought for this application.

4. Summary

The proposals for installation of PV panels are considered acceptable and will not have a detrimental impact on the Conservation Area, and play a part in the wider moves to sustainability.