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Application Number: DC/25/1960

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990 (as amended)
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

On behalf of: Sarah Payne

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Council hereby REFUSE to permit the works specified hereunder, that is to say:

Installation of Solar Panels.

Picts Barn Picts Lane Cowfold West Sussex

as shown on Plan and Application Number DC/25/1960 submitted to the Council on 19/12/2025. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the above works are specified hereunder.

- 1 The siting of the solar panels would introduce an inappropriate modern feature that harms the character and appearance of the historic farm complex and fails to preserve the setting of the Grade II listed buildings. The solar panels would have a harmful impact on the special interest of the listed building(s) and would fail to preserve, reflect or enhance its special character and distinctiveness. There are no public benefits which would outweigh the identified harm. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies 32, 33 and 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Schedule of plans/documents:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Statement	Heritage	NONE	28.11.2025
Site plan	Proposed	04 REV 1	28.11.2025
Roof plan	Existing	03	28.11.2025
Site plan	Existing	01 REV 1	28.11.2025
Elevation plan	Proposed	05	28.11.2025
Roof plan	Proposed	06	28.11.2025
Elevation plan	Existing	02	28.11.2025
Location plan		00	19.12.2025

Note To Applicant:

Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.



Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 17/02/2026

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Right of Appeals**

If you are aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

You must appeal within 12 weeks of the date of the decision notice for a householder application. Other types of application have different timescales. In particular, if an enforcement notice is/has been served for the same (or very similar) land and development, appeals should usually be lodged within 28 days. Only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/casework-dealt-with-by-inquiries>.