

Information Sheet 6

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Miscellaneous Household Development

Advertisements

Certain advertisements and signs, for instance illuminated signs, will require advertisement consent. In general signage on a residential property should be limited to a naming plate or numbering.

Air conditioning units

In conservation areas, an application is required for the installation of air-conditioning units. The main considerations are the siting and appearance of the units – the less they are seen the better!

The equipment should not be visually prominent; consider materials, colour and location to minimise their visual impact. The use of ‘camouflage’ materials such as timber painted to match the host building is also encouraged to minimise the overall impact.

Demolition

In a conservation area, it is preferred that existing buildings and their details are retained as it is often the pattern provided by buildings which cumulatively gives the area its character. Where demolition is necessary, a conservation area consent is required if it is necessary to demolish -

- a building with a volume of more than 115m³, including any previous demolition.
- a fence, wall or railing higher than 1 metre where it adjoins a road, footpath, waterway or open space, or 2 metres elsewhere.

If the property is listed, a listed building consent is required. For any other form of demolition, contact us to verify if any other approvals are required.

Satellite dishes and antennas

For houses, or flats in buildings less than 15metres high, satellite dishes and antennas are permitted development where they are not –

- visible from the road,
- located above the ridge of the roof,
- located on a chimney.

For satellite dishes, a maximum of two are allowed but their size is limited – one no bigger than 1 metre and the other 600mm.

If your proposal exceeds these requirements planning permission is required and as with air conditioning units our main concern is their location and appearance.

Where the house or building is listed and the above requirements are met, a listed building consent is required, but not planning permission.

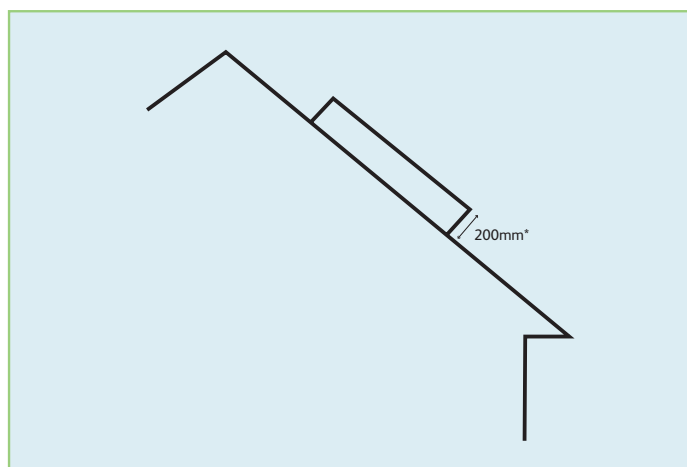
Solar panels

Hackney Council advocates all positive measures that contribute to sustainable development. In the instance of solar panels, you may be able to install these, on a house or flat, under the GPDO where they –

- do not extend more than 200mm* above the slope of the original roof;
- would not be higher than the ridge-line of the original roof;
- are located on a wall or roof and are not visible from a road.

Where the property is a listed building or the proposal is to install the equipment on a building within the curtilage of a listed building, planning permission and listed building consent is required.

For other forms of sustainable energy equipment, please contact us.



* Amended on 12 October 2011 to correct measurement in accordance with Part 40 of GPDO. Previously stated 150mm

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