

**ADC Planning Consultation
Response from the Historic Buildings Adviser**

Application Number	BN/29/15/PL
Address	Land at Barnham Court, Barnham
Description	Solar Park
Case Officer	Richard Temple
Site Visit	4 th November 2015

Objection

Whilst the application accepts that there are listed buildings within 'close proximity' to the site, two of which are listed grade I, it does not appear to accept that the array affects the setting of these assets. On the contrary, it seems to be under the impression that because the site is behind some hedges and on slightly depressed ground it is not within the building's setting.

Having made a site visit and walked along the public footpath to the north east side of the site, it is clear that the experience of these assets, currently within largely open countryside is likely to be impacted by the array. Views of the house and church from the west are clear from the footpath as it passes the development site. One may also assume that views of the historic group (which will have medieval origins) are also impacted from the railway line.

There is also an impact on the setting of the former canal which itself would be considered a non-designated heritage asset and Fattening Ground Barn (formerly Highground Barn) to the south of the site which is evident on historic mapping from the late 19th century.

As a consequence a fuller assessment on setting should be made in accordance with Good Practice Advice note 3: the setting of heritage assets. Given the potential for harm, the authority should also consult Historic England as they may want to comment on the potential setting impacts of Barnham Court and Barnham Church.

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4th November 2015

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