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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: R/37/26/PL
Site Address: Church of St Peter and St Paul The Street Rustington BN16 3NL
Description of works: Installation of photo-voltaic panels on the roof on south aisle and adjacent vestries.
This application affects the setting of a listed building, affects the character and appearance of the Rustington Conservation Area and is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 19th March 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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Whilst the proposal is stated to have 'minimal visual impact' there is certainly not zero impact, particularly when viewed from several of the taller buildings in the area. I do not believe that this is an appropriate use of a 12th century listed church. The purpose of the Rustington conservation area and the listing of its historic buildings is to preserve the state and character of the building and the area. The addition of a large solar panel array is inappropriate for a historic building such as this. It is my belief this is likely being done more for PR purposes' rather than an essential need to improve the character or state of preservation of the church. In reality the fitting of a Chinese (Shanhi) made solar panel array of this size does not represent a significant environmental benefit either when the full lifecycle is factored in. I am also concerned that this sets a precedent for the mis-treatment of the historic buildings in the area. (For example I am sure many of the listed thatched houses would like to be converted to tiles, given the high price of re-thatching, are we to allow this as well?).

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. The website is updated once a day in the evening so it may take up to 24 hours for it appear on there. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be

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The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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