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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 20th March 2026 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

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I would like to express my strong support for the proposed installation of solar panels on the church roof.

This project represents a thoughtful and responsible step toward sustainability, aligning with broader community and national goals to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change. Places of worship have long played a central role in setting moral and social examples, and adopting renewable energy is a meaningful way to demonstrate environmental stewardship in action.

The visual impact of modern solar panels is minimal, especially when sensitively designed and positioned. Any slight change in appearance is, in my view, far outweighed by the environmental and long-term community benefits.

Additionally, reducing energy costs can help ensure the ongoing viability of the church, enabling it to continue providing services, community support, and outreach activities.

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](mailto:planning@arun.gov.uk) and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

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>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

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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If you have provided an email address, all correspondence including the decision notice will be sent by email. It is therefore important that you keep us informed if this changes during the course of this application.

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