



Planning

Solar Collectors do not normally require any special planning permission.

However, there are some special rules which govern what are known as "extensions" to the roof. You may need to apply for planning permission if you live in a Conservation Area, a National Park, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or the Broads.

This also applies

- If you want to build an "extension" to the roof or any kind of addition which would materially alter the shape of the roof
- The work would make some part of the house higher than the highest part of the existing roof
- The addition you want to build would extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope facing a highway, or sit 10cm above the roof line

The latest Government Guidance states: "Provided the installation is not of an unusual design, or involves a listed building, and is not in a designated area, SWH (solar water heating) systems are regarded as 'permitted development' and are thus deemed not to require a planning application. Unless the collectors are of an unusual design, they should be treated as being within the plane of the existing roof slope for purposes of Part 1, Class B1 (b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995" ODPM Planning for Renewable Energy a companion guide to PPS22 2004

We recommend that you contact your planning department to clarify local policy.

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The Imagination Solar collector has been specially designed to be roof integrated without protruding more than 10cm above the existing roof line.

For example the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority has taken the view on solar water heating systems, "that as long as the solar collector does not project more than 10cm from the plane of the existing roof or break the ridge line of the roof when viewed from the ground the submission of planning application is not required."



If a planning application is required for consent for the installation of a solar hot water system it will require the following:

- The design of the collector
- Photographs of the existing built environment
- Detail of roof mounting arrangement, if applicable
- Indicative drawings of the collector in place
- If the application involves a listed building, a photomontage of the proposed collector could be useful

Imagination Solar can help supply this information.

For the latest information regarding planning go to: www.odpm.gov.uk or www.planningportal.gov.uk

