

**Address of Proposal: Honeysuckle Farm, Perrymead, Lyncombe, Bath,  
Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 5AU**  
**Proposal: Installation of ground mounted solar panels comprising of  
2no. rows of 20no. panels 14/05065/FUL.**

The Cotswolds Conservation Board\* wish to comment as follows:

The Board note that the proposed panels are to be located on a former tennis court. As such this constitutes a form of previously developed land within the residential curtilage.

The Board raise no comments on this proposal subject to suitable planning conditions to ensure the removal of the solar panels at the end of the agreed period (or before if their use ceases); and subject to a suitable landscaping condition to ensure existing boundary landscaping is retained (and supplemented if required) to ensure the panels remain well screened within the site during the length of their use.

The Board also wish to confirm that the lack of objection of the above scheme does not set a precedent for future schemes on undeveloped greenfield sites in the locality. In this case the previously developed nature of the land led to the Board's acceptance of this proposal.

*\*Conservation Boards*

*A Conservation Board is a statutory independent corporate body set up by Parliamentary Order under the provisions of Section 86 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000.*

*Section 87 of the CRoW Act sets out the purposes of a conservation board as:*

- a) the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty, and*
- b) the purpose of increasing the understanding and enjoyment by the public of the special qualities of the area of outstanding natural beauty*

*But if it appears to the board that there is a conflict between those purposes, they are to attach greater weight to the purpose mentioned in paragraph (a).*

*Furthermore "A conservation board, while having regard to the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) [of Section 87], shall seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the area of outstanding natural beauty, and shall for that purpose co-operate with local authorities and public bodies whose functions include the promotion of economic or social development within the area of outstanding natural beauty."*

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