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Mr Andrew Fenwick-Green Via email

Dear Mr Fenwick-Green

Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th September 2021

Thank you for submitting a question to the Council Meeting on Wednesday 29th September. I have detailed the question below along with my subsequent response for your information.

"Will the Council allow Council home tenants, permission to install energy generation systems (solar etc), helping to mitigate rising energy costs and energy poverty, to do our bit to fight the global warming crisis and reduce our own carbon footprints. Something the Council surely want to support for the greater good of the planet and the future for our children?"

Under the terms of the Council's Tenancy Agreement, tenants are asked to submit written requests seeking the Council's prior permission to undertake specified alterations to their homes. The Council will consider such requests and either grant permission, subject to conditions, or refuse permission, setting out the reasons for refusal. This would include requests to install specific energy technology including photovoltaic, or solar panel systems. There have been very few requests of this nature and none within the last year or so. Prior to that, a small number of requests were received, but these requests were ultimately frustrated by the terms and conditions of the contracts that the installers were putting forward.

I hope the above information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Amy Brookes Cabinet Member for Housing

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