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Cllr Paul Thorp
Elected Member

Via email: paul.thorp@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Thorp,

Council Meeting – Wednesday 5th November 2025

Following our Council Meeting earlier this month, I'm writing back in relation to your further question to me regarding the requirements for renewable technology in new residential properties there are two aspects. In relation to Planning, there are some things that are currently required in planning applications for new residential developments. These are set out in a Supplementary Planning Guidance document. The requirements include provision of EV charging points. As you may be aware, we are due to commence work on a new Local Plan within the next year and there is an opportunity to explore renewable standards in the new local plan, with the caveat that we will need to make sure that new policies align with national policy/standards. We are expecting details of National Development Management Policies by the end of the year.

In relation to Building Regulations, the primary focus in relation to renewable energy is on efficiency and safety which is governed by Part L of the Building Regulations and other specific rules.

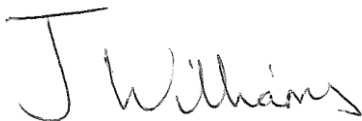
For new builds, regulations do mandate solar PV panels or other renewable generation on most new homes, along with requirements for energy efficiency like high insulation and efficient lighting.

Part S of the Building Regulations deals with electrical vehicle charging points.

I hope this information is useful to you and answers your queries.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor John Williams
Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy / Ward Councillor for Hooper