

I FULLY SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION to permit our local community organisation (Power Up North London, part of Transition Dartmouth Park, Kentish Town and Tufnel Park) to install a community energy solar panel project, on the roof of this church. PUNL was instituted at a well attended and well supported public meeting. For the following reasons:-

- I AM A LOCAL RESIDENT who uses, and values this church, community facility. I am an architect with a diploma in Historic Building Conservation. I understand the concerns about this lowest Grade 11, Victorian, fake gothic, building, in a Conservation Area.

- I have a PROFESSIONAL CONCERN about sustainability, that affects all buildings, including those

listed and in Conservation Areas:- that globally the United Nations has advised that we should

“sustainably and substantially use more renewable energy and less fossil fuels, urgently and

thoroughly, to lessen Carbon emissions, to ameliorate disastrous climate change.” (2006 IPCC report)

- OUR GOVERNMENT IN CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2008, has acknowledged the need to thoroughly cut our Carbon emissions by 80% by 2050, with a staged implementation.

- CAMDEN COUNCIL HAVE AGREED A TARGET TO CUT 40% OF CARBON EMISSIONS by 2020. This needs very urgent and thorough action, like permitting this application and similar. Because electric power stations especially, have huge emissions of climate-changing Carbon.

- CAMDEN HAD A PILOT PROJECT IN THIS CONSERVATION AREA (to later roll out over whole borough), to clarify the anomaly:- that Camden’s Corporate Sustainability Dept, and Town Planning Dept needed to agree to change their conflicting attitude to the councils’ decision to cut Carbon thoroughly (see above) :-

“ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR DARTMOUTH PARK CONSERVATION AREA”
(adopted dec 2012)

- ROOF PANELS VISIBILITY:- This will not be a problem with simple rectangular roof, and matching slate tone of panels, minimises attention to panels. Most of the year, roof is completely hidden by trees, and partially so in winter.

- HISTORIC FABRIC OF ROOF:- This is only Grade 11. Was it replaced after war damage? The panels will not be a permanent part of, and will not damage the fabric, and can be removed when no longer needed.

- SOLAR PANELS WILL SOON BE VERY VISIBLE on roofs throughout this Area, as residents’ understanding increases of the crisis of Climate Change.

- SOLAR PANELS, ARE ALLOWED WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION in Conservation Areas, on all house roofs both front and back, visible from public roads. See government Town Planning Regulations. When there are many on houses around, why not on church?

- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH (as well as Roman Catholic, Muslim and Jewish authorities) strongly support sustainable action against climate change, because it will most hurt the poorest.
- In a recent report: 35 million farmers in Africa can no longer grow food because of climate change, causing worst drought in 100 years. (The Guardian 4/2015)
- The United Nations informed global governments that it was *"TOO LATE TO STOP A 5 METRES SEA LEVEL RISE"* because of climate change (in 2013). More recently, scientists in Antarctic ice research say: *"SEA MAY RISE 20M"*. (New Scientist 13/6/15)

I hope you can grant permission for this important community project to reduce fossil fuel use and so reduce the terrible crisis of Climate Change, which would destroy our children's heritage of life, more serious than our heritage of buildings, which is NOT being destroyed by this application.