

Planning Application 23/03800/FUL - 5 Lauder Road EH9 2EW

OBJECTION from Grange Association

3 November 2023

We have reviewed planning application [23/03800/FUL](#) and submit this objection, relating to the proposed siting and orientation of the solar panels, prominently visible from the front.

In principle, the Association welcomes the installation of zero-carbon energy systems, including electric heat pumps and EV charging points. Solar PV panels can also make a contribution and we would generally support their installation where this is compatible with the protection of the Grange Conservation Area.

The proposals involve the installation of 11 panels on the front elevation of the main roof of the house, with a further nine panels inclined at 45° on the garage roof. All these panels would be conspicuous and would materially alter the appearance of the property from the street. It would cause the property to be unique in the street in having visible solar panels evident on its front elevation.



The proposals would be in breach of the [Householder Guidance](#) (page 20), which states: *“.....on listed buildings and/ or within conservation areas, solar panels will not normally be permitted on any conspicuous elevations.”*

We recommend that the applicant be invited to amend the proposal to have panels on the rear roof elevation only, and those on the garage flat roof to be lying flat. We acknowledge that this will reduce the electrical output from the panels but consider that the reconfiguration would still enable worthwhile generation, while protecting the amenity of the conservation area. In the absence of such modifications, we request that the application be refused.

Grange Association
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