

# COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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<p>1 <b>Delegated Planning Decisions</b></p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 16 August 2021 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager (Development Management) on <a href="mailto:jean.mcperson@crawley.gov.uk">jean.mcperson@crawley.gov.uk</a>.</p>	3 - 4
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given during registration.

- **Decision:** Those who have signed up to the scheme will then need to decide if they want to accept the recommendation and quote. There is no obligation to continue. They will have until 26 November to decide.
- **Installation:** If the recommendation and quote is accepted, the winning supplier will be in contact to survey the roof and set an installation date.

The Solar Together Sussex scheme is being run on a zero-cost basis with commission payments from the installations covering direct marketing costs.

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### 3 **Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Extension of Lease Agreement of the Orchard Building to Crawley Community Action to December 21st 2023**

Crawley Community Action (CCA), a voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisation, have a lease agreement (peppercorn rent) in place with the Council for The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6AD, until December 2021 (a 6 month extension to the current lease agreement, to June 21st 2022, was agreed on 16th June 2021 with a view to further extension based on CCA's future business plan). CCA are seeking an extension to the lease agreement, forming part of their business model to deliver their future programme of work.

On 13 August 2021 the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement, took the Significant Operational Decision to agree an 18 month extension to the current lease agreement, to December 21st 2023, based on CCA's business plan.

In signing the lease, CCA agree to:

- Provide ongoing infrastructure support to voluntary and community groups in Crawley.
- Meet with representatives from CBC on a quarterly basis to provide feedback against these outcomes.
- Continue to ensure that existing and new voluntary and community organisations are able to access and use the space at The Orchard making it a hub for the voluntary and community sector in Crawley.

More information relating to this decision can be found on the [Council's website](#).

### 4 **Press Releases**

Press releases are available at [www.crawley.gov.uk/news](http://www.crawley.gov.uk/news)

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## DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were issued, subject to conditions, under delegated powers for the period 16/08/2021 and 20/08/2021

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Date of Decision	Decision
CR/2016/0114/CC1	PHASE 2D FORGE WOOD, CRAWLEY	Discharge of condition 12 (noise bunding and fencing) pursuant to CR/2016/0114/ARM approval of reserved matters for phase 2d pursuant to outline planning permission CR/2015/0552/NCC for a new mixed use neighbourhood	16 August 2021	APPROVE
CR/2021/0034/FUL	57 THE MILLBANK, IFIELD, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey side extension	19 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0175/FUL	52 BURLANDS, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	Erection of new front porch following demolition of existing structure	19 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0259/FUL	139 THREE BRIDGES ROAD, THREE BRIDGES, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey & two storey rear extension. Demolition of existing front storm porch & part single storey front infill extension & porch. Creation of pitched roof on front dormer & side extension (amended description & plans received)	17 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0300/ADV	54 THE BOULEVARD, NORTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Installation of 1 x internally illuminated fascia sign & 1 x internally illuminated projecting sign	19 August 2021	CONSENT
CR/2021/0321/FUL	OCADO OPERATING LTD UNIT 1, WHITWORTH ROAD, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	Erection of above ground fuel tank within the service yard	19 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0345/FUL	142 & 144 LANGLEY DRIVE, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	Retrospective application for front porches at the front of each dwelling	19 August 2021	REFUSE
CR/2021/0388/FUL	18 STONEFIELD CLOSE, SOUTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey rear and side extension	17 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0394/FUL	23 YARMOUTH CLOSE, FURNACE GREEN, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey side infill extension & conversion of existing garage to habitable space	20 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0411/192	14 ROWFANT CLOSE, POUND	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed	17 August 2021	PERMIT

	HILL, CRAWLEY	erection of single storey side extension		
CR/2021/0414/FUL	136 WEALD DRIVE, FURNACE GREEN, CRAWLEY	New front extension	17 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0446/192	56 BURLANDS, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension	20 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0448/FUL	23 CAPSEY ROAD, IFIELD, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey side/rear extension & garage conversion to habitable space	16 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0462/192	50 OAKFIELDS, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Certificate of lawfulness for a single storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing conservatory & the replacement of the kitchen french doors with a window	20 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0476/FUL	10 BOSHAM ROAD, MAIDENBOWER, CRAWLEY	Erection of porch	20 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0502/192	2 HINDHEAD CLOSE, SOUTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Certificate of lawfulness for erection of single storey rear extension	20 August 2021	PERMIT
CR/2021/0522/HPA	20 HIGHWOOD PARK, BROADFIELD, CRAWLEY	Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.71m, and have a maximum height of 3m and an eaves height of 3m	16 August 2021	PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED
CR/2021/0552/CON	LAND NEAR 13 MASON ROAD, SOUTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Notification of installation of 1 x 9m wooden pole (7.2m above ground)	19 August 2021	NO OBJECTION

# Agenda Item 2

## **Solar Together Sussex – now open for registrations**

Following the success of the autumn 2020 auction, Crawley is again working in partnership with the County Council and other partner authorities in Sussex to help residents install solar panels and reduce their carbon emissions.

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Residents who have already invested in solar panels can opt for 'retrofit' battery storage to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid.

From w/c 13 September 2021 5,500 Crawley properties identified as potentially suitable for solar PV will receive a letter inviting them to register for the scheme.

Households will be able to register free of charge for Solar Together Sussex between 23 August and 28 September 2021. The process is as follows:

- **Registration** – the homeowner registers their interest in the scheme for free at [www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley). They provide some basic information about their roof, such as size and orientation.
- **Auction** – a supplier 'auction' will be held on 28 September when approved solar installers will bid to supply solar panels to all the households who have registered their interest, with the most competitive bid winning. The more people that register, the better the deal should be for each household.
- **Personal recommendation** - from the start of October, those who have signed up will be emailed a personal recommendation and quote from the winning supplier. This is based on the roof details given during registration.
- **Decision:** Those who have signed up to the scheme will then need to decide if they want to accept the recommendation and quote. There is no obligation to continue. They will have until 26 November to decide.
- **Installation:** If the recommendation and quote is accepted, the winning supplier will be in contact to survey the roof and set an installation date.

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**Dear Resident**

I'm inviting you and your home to be part of the success story that is Solar Together Sussex.

Since 2019, we have installed solar panel systems in more than 300 households across Sussex. On average, homeowners have saved 33% on installation costs, £300 on their energy bills in year one, and stopped harmful carbon emissions entering the atmosphere.

**Solar Together Sussex - buying solar panels and battery storage made easy**

Installations generally don't need planning permission. However in some cases, such as in Conservation Areas and on listed buildings, planning permission may be required. For planning advice please visit [www.crawley.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications](http://www.crawley.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications)

**Do you already have solar panels installed?** You can also register to have battery storage added to your existing solar panels to maximise the benefits of your system. For more information please see the leaflet accompanying this letter.

**How does it work?**

- 1. Registration:** you can register before 28 September for free and without obligation at [www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley). Simply provide details about your roof, such as its size and orientation. The more people that register, the better the deal should be for each household.
- 2. Auction:** on 28 September our approved solar installers will bid for the work in a reverse auction. The most competitive offer from these pre-vetted installers wins the auction.
- 3. Personal recommendation:** from 18 October you will be emailed a personal recommendation for your home, based on the details you provided during registration. This will include the costs and specification for a complete solar panel installation.
- 4. You decide:** the decision is then yours as to whether you want to accept your recommendation. There is no obligation to continue. You will have until 26 November to decide and will be invited to an online information session prior to this end date.
- 5. Installation:** if you accept, the winning installer will contact you to survey your roof and set an installation date. All installations are planned to be completed by the end of May 2022.

For detailed information about likely costs, the amount of energy you can expect to generate, and lots more go to [www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley).

We trust this initiative will be of interest to you. The more people that participate, the better the price we can secure and the more renewable energy will be generated by Sussex residents.

Kind regards

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Cabinet Member for Environmental Services  
and Sustainability

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