

## **SOLAR PANELS - LATEST GUIDELINES**

### **Solar panels for domestic buildings in Conservation Areas.**

You may have had a letter from the Liverpool City Region inviting you to join a group-buying scheme for solar panels (and possibly batteries).

Wirral Council has recently updated its policy on Solar Panels in Conservation Areas – including, of course, Gayton and Lower Heswall Village. The main point is that placing solar panels on the roof of your house or flat, or a building within the grounds of your house or flat, is usually “Permitted Development” and does not require planning permission, **provided they meet certain conditions** – for example:

minimal effect on the external appearance of the building;  
minimal effect on the amenity of the area; and  
removal when no longer required.

Planning Permission **is required** for solar panels on a wall facing the road or on a **Listed Building**.

**If you are in doubt about whether you need Planning Permission, then you should seek further advice from the Council.**