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Dear Residents of Mills Way and Wolf's Fell Close

Following the distribution of leaflets to all properties in Mills Way and Wolf's Fell Close over the summer, seeking your thoughts on the installation of solar panels, the Chipping Community Working Group were pleased with the level of interest shown. Given the level of interest shown by residents in installing solar panels on their homes, the Working Group believe the most sensible way forward would be to apply, through Chipping Parish Council, to the Local Planning Authority (Ribble Valley Council) to amend the current restriction relating to Permitted Development Rights for all properties in Mills Way and Wolf's Fell Close, as set out below.

As you may be aware, a Planning Condition was imposed on all properties in Mills Way and Wolf's Fell Close removing the Permitted Development Rights for renewable energy technologies. The full text of the condition is copied at the end of this letter.

This restriction on your 'Permitted Development Rights' does not apply as fully to other properties in the Parish including those in the Conservation areas or to listed buildings (although some restrictions do apply to those buildings). The Government has granted these permitted development rights to all dwellings and most other types of buildings in the country in order to encourage the uptake of renewable energy technologies.

The Chipping Community Energy Working Group, supported by Chipping Parish Council is also seeking to encourage more renewable energy use in the Parish to help reduce energy costs for consumers in the Parish, and has sought and received funding to engage with specialists to make this application. The removal of the condition will put these properties in the same position as all the other houses in Chipping that are outside of the conservation Zones and will remove the requirement for you to apply for planning permission to put solar panels on your property, making it easier for you to install solar panels and reduce your energy bills.

As an owner of a property and land in Mills Way and Wolf's Fell Close, we are required to inform you of the application so that you can make any representations about it to Ribble Valley Council. Details of the application will be available on the Ribble Valley Borough council Planning Portal: <https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planning-applications>

However, if you have any questions about it and want to discuss it, or the other projects we have, please get in touch at: info@chippingcommunityenergy.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Chipping Parish Council.

Condition

15. Notwithstanding the provisions of Classes A-I of Schedule 2 Part 14 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order, no renewable energy sources shall be attached to the dwelling, or placed within the residential curtilage, unless planning permission has first been granted by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to exercise control over development which could materially harm the character and visual amenities of the development and locality and the amenities of nearby residents in accordance with Key Statement EN2 and Policy DMG1 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy.