

Appendix 2

**Aire Valley Leeds Enterprise Zone - Local Development Order (1) – Solar Panels:
Summary of representations from public consultation December 2011 – January 2012**

Key to table

S = Support
O = Objection
C = Comments

RESPONDENT	S	O	C	SUMMARY OF COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSE
Consultation with local ward members					
Cllr E Nash			●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments to make except that there are only two listed buildings to my knowledge and intrigued to know if there are any more. Glad that solar panels are being promoted and not wind turbines. Wonder if there is any money for water turbines adjacent to the weirs on the River? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the listed buildings within the area are highlighted on the appended map and are protected by the conditions set out in the LDO. Water turbines are not proposed as part of this LDO. However; renewable energy production is being promoted within the area as part of the emerging Aire Valley Area Action Plan and UES agenda, so opportunities may be present in future years.
Public consultation					
Corrocoat Ltd (Aire Valley business)	●			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully support the proposals for the simplification of planning regulations. Intend to install solar panels on own premises in 2012. 	Not Applicable
English Heritage		●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome the inclusion of Part A2 as it will help to ensure that the elements which contribute to the significance of these heritage assets are not harmed by inappropriately sited or designed solar panels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note comments/concerns. It is considered that the nature of the development covered and the conditions

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight that the Town and Country Planning Order 2010 prohibits an LDO which would ‘affect’ a listed building. Circular 01/2006 makes it clear that this restriction also applies to development which would affect the setting of such a building. The planning guidance which accompanies PPS5 makes it clear that the setting of a heritage asset will generally be more extensive than its curtilage. In light of this it is recommended that the wording of part A2(a)(ii) is amended to include wording which states that they would not be acceptable where they are likely to harm the setting of a listed building. • Two Grade II Registered Historic Parks and Gardens (Hunslet Cemetery and Temple Newsam) exist within the immediate vicinity of the LDO boundary. There is a presumption in favour of the conservation of heritage assets within PPS5 and inappropriate development within an assets setting can be harmful to its significance. State the LDO could permit developments which could harm the settings of these Historic Parks and Gardens (inc key views from these assets). Consequently it is suggested that an additional condition is attached to the order to restrict development where it would have an adverse effect upon the significance of the Registered Parks and Gardens at Hunslet Cemetery or Temple Newsam. 	<p>attached to the LDO are sufficient to ensure that development which is permitted will not affect any listed buildings, Conservations areas, Registered Historic Parks or Gardens and/or their settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing conditions which limit the projection of the solar panels on the roofline will help to ensure that the solar panels do not unduly increase the height or scale of the existing buildings. Any impact is likely to be minimal and not significant compared to the impact of the existing buildings on the heritage assets. The industrial nature of the area will also reduce any impact. • The suggested conditions would create an element of subjectivity within the LDO which would require a detailed assessment to be made in order to check if the development complied. It is felt that the LDO will work best with little interaction with the LPA, enabling a truly simplified planning approach. The existing conditions and compliance process are considered to be sufficient to ensure that any heritage assets are safeguarded adequately.
Environment			●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections. 	Not applicable

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Agency					
Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)	●			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the proposals being put forward but have no specific comments to make at this stage of the consultation process. 	Not applicable
Jacqui Sykes (Samnik Home Furnishings Ltd)			●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contribution of the Council in installing the solar panels is invaluable for the people working and living in the above mentioned address (flat), encouraging a sustainable and low-impact living. The reduction of costs for heating and the environmental value of using green energy are highly appreciated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LDO will only grant planning permission for certain types of solar panels. The Council will not be installing any solar panels as part of the order. It would be up to the landowners to finance any solar developments. The LDO will merely speed up the planning process and reduce associated costs. The LDO only applies to non-domestic buildings. Flats above shops do not currently benefit from any Permitted Development rights for solar panels. Consequently a planning application would be required for such development
The Coal Authority			●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific comments, given the nature of the development. 	Not applicable.
The Theatres Trust	●		●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally support the installation of solar panels on theatre buildings, provided that they are not visible. Highlight that the trust is currently delivering and has already undertaken several actions to improve its environmental sustainability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LDO will not preclude solar panels which are visible, although conditions have been attached to ensure that any visual impact will be minimal. The LDO will just provide a simplified planning approach for the installation of solar panels. It is up to the landowner owners

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					to decide whether they would like to install such developments.