

## Policy Chairman

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Dear Andrew

Many thanks for your letter to the Rt Hon Lord Mayor regarding solar panels. I am responding as Policy Chairman of the City of London Corporation.

We are aware of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's (RBKC) policy approach and are liaising with officers from the authority on their approach. It is clear that listed building assets within RBKC are a different genre from the diverse nature of the City's listed buildings and a "one size fits all" approach might not be appropriate. We do understand the need for listed buildings to address sustainability challenges and the City Corporation takes a flexible and pragmatic approach to ensure solar panels can be accommodated on our heritage buildings in a sensitive manner.

More generally, you may be interested to know that our Climate Action Strategy commits us to achieving net zero carbon emissions in our own operations by 2027. The City Corporation also aims to become net zero across our investment and supply chain by 2040 - and to support the achievement of net zero for the whole Square Mile by the same year. This strategy makes us the first UK governing body to have a fully funded net zero commitment that covers all emissions.

The City Corporation is also improving energy efficiency and retrofitting buildings across our property portfolio in our race to net zero, reducing carbon and air pollution emissions. We have cut our annual carbon emissions by 31% and energy consumption by 21% since 2018/2019. The City Corporation also manages 11,000 acres of green space across London and southeast England which already removes an estimated 16,000 tonnes of carbon from the atmosphere a year, equivalent to 44% of our annual carbon footprint.

We are working hard to build a more climate resilient City which will improve the comfort and liveability of the environment for our residents, workers and visitors.

Thank you for raising this important issue and if there is anything else I can do, please let me know.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris.", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Chris Hayward  
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