The motion calls on London Boroughs to pass a Local Listed Building Consent Order so that solar panels can be installed on Grade II and II*Listed Buildings without the need for Listed Building Consent.

Bexley officers are not aware that the Council has had to deal with a single application for solar panels on our listed buildings in at least the last 5 years.

Unlike Kensington and Chelsea where it is likely that a material amount of officer time is spent in dealing with such requests, we have not encountered this as an issue and there would, therefore, appear to be little justification in investing resources in developing and adopting such an order.

We can of course see the advantages to other boroughs of pursuing such a course where the issue is more relevant.

Councillor Baroness O'Neill of Bexley OBE Leader of the Council

Motion Response from Cllr Baroness Teresa O'Neill