

## DIVISIONAL MEMBER COMMENTS

Application Ref No:	23/23/0040/LB		
Address:	Little Fort, St Michaels Hill, Milverton, Wiveliscombe TA4 1JS		
Date of response:	5 January 2024		
Divisional Member Name:	Cllr Dave Mansell		
<b>1. Support the granting of permission</b>			Yes
Please explain below the main grounds on which you support the proposal:			
<b>2. Object to the granting of permission</b>			
Please explain below the main grounds on which you object to the proposal:			

Material Considerations	Explanation of Grounds
1. Overlooking, loss of privacy or overbearing/overshadowing nature of proposal	
2. Design & appearance, impact on public visual amenity	The proposed solar panels are in a largely hidden position and their appearance will not detract from the building. In my view, the panels are in keeping with the historic building and are a suitable installation to allow solar power generation.
3. Layout & density of building	
4. Effect on listed buildings and/or conservation areas	The layout and type of panels proposed will have minimal impact on the listed building and the system design and panel selection follows Historic England guidance.
5. Loss of trees or ecological habitats	
6. Inadequate parking and/or servicing areas	
7. Access, highways safety or traffic generation	
8. Noise, smells or disturbance from the scheme	
9. Flood Risk	
10. Other reason – please explain	There is considerable benefit from the renewable energy that will be generated by the panels for use on site and feeding into the grid, which will assist in addressing the climate emergency declared by the council.
<b>3. Comments only</b>	

**If you are a member of the Planning Committee** you agree to abide by the following statement:

I confirm that the preliminary comments above are made on the basis of the information available to me at this time, and that I will either decide the matter afresh should the application be referred to the Planning Committee, taking into account at that time all further information available to me, or I will not participate in any decision on the matter if it comes before the Planning Committee, other than to make representations on the application before withdrawing from the meeting.