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**PRESS RELEASE: Including solar on new builds is a ‘no brainer’**

***Government must ensure new build standards cut carbon pollution and keep household energy costs down.***

Campaigners in Sussex have responded to a government consultation on standards for new build-homes.

The proposed standards include two options – one which includes installation of solar panels and one which does not.

CPRE Sussex says it is vital future homeowners and tenants are helped to keep their ‘entirely avoidable’ carbon pollution and bills down by adopting option 1.

CPRE Sussex director Paul Steedman said: “It is a no-brainer to go with the option which includes solar panels. Option one would protect residents from unnecessary rises in energy bills and cut fossil fuel consumption. Option two would mean higher energy bills for residents and increased carbon emissions.”

The Future Homes and Buildings Standards consultation closes on March 6.

Find out more and respond via [gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-and-buildings-standards-2023-consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-and-buildings-standards-2023-consultation)

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CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.