

Appendix D - Summary of ZCC Grant application from Gamlingay with Hatley St. George and East Hatley PCC

Officer Panel Score

Organisation	Officer Score	Amount Requested
Gamlingay with Hatley St. George and East Hatley P.C.C.	63	5,000

Officer Scores

Applicant	Achieving wider community engagement and behaviour change around climate change	Reducing the use of fossil fuel energy in community buildings	Additional value	Overall score
Gamlingay with Hatley St. George and East Hatley P.C.C.	50	67	73	63

Project Summary

Who are they?

A Grade 1 listed Church of England Parish Church in Gamlingay, which holds regular Church services and is open seven days a week. Community events are held throughout the year including concerts, fairs, exhibitions and school visits. They are also working with Gamlingay Baptist Church to provide a food bank and community fridge for the village.

What is the proposal?

To install solar PV panels on the south aisle roof of the Church of England Parish Church in Gamlingay combined with battery storage. It is intended that this would take advantage of scaffolding which will be in place to replace stolen lead.

Comments:

The strength of this project lies in its potential to be an exemplar project for other churches and for listed

buildings generally. By providing a supply of low cost zero carbon electricity, the project would be a key step towards the church becoming carbon neutral. The church is currently heated by gas and so it will also be necessary, in time, to replace this with electric heating. An initial assessment has been made by an architectural firm who advise that the low-pitched roof could accommodate the panels behind the parapet. Listed building consent from Historic England and permission from the Diocese of Ely will also be needed along with planning permission. Initial conversations with the Diocese have been supportive and Historic England have advised on a number of applications for solar panels on churches, many of which have been successful. The total project cost is £18,000- with £9,000 in part funding provisionally approved by the Gamlingay Tithe Fund. The Friends of St. Mary's Church will contribute £3,000 and £1,000 has also been requested from Gamlingay Parish Council.

How much requested? £5,000

Score (%) 63