**Do You Need Planning Permission?**

**Air Source Heat Pumps**

Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011

**This guidance applies to houses only; flats (including four in a block) are dealt with separately.**

If you answer **‘Yes’** to any of the questions below, planning permission would be required for the works you propose to carry out. We also have a definitions page, which may help you with understanding some of the technical wording we have to use.

Would the installation, alteration or replacement of an air source heat pump on a dwelling or within the curtilage of a dwelling -

1. result in the presence on the same building or within the curtilage of a building of more than one air source heat pump?
2. mean that any part of the development would protrude more than 1 metre from the outer surface of an external wall, roof plane, roof ridge or chimney of the dwelling?
3. be in a conservation area and located above ground level and/or not on the rear elevation?
4. be within a World Heritage Site or within the curtilage of a listed building?
5. mean that any part of the development would be forward of a wall forming part of the principal elevation or side elevation where that elevation fronts a road?
6. mean that any resulting structure would exceed 3 metres in height?

Where development is permitted under this class, it is subject to the following conditions –

(a) the air source heat pump must be used only for the purpose of providing domestic heating or hot water;

(b) where the air source heat pump is no longer needed for, or capable of, providing domestic heating or hot water it must be removed as soon as reasonably practicable;

(c) the air source heat pump must comply with MCS Planning Standards or equivalent standards.

Works to a listed building will require Listed Building Consent in addition to any planning permission that may be required. It is a criminal offence to carry out works to a listed building without the relevant consent in place.

You should ensure you have any other relevant consents in place prior to starting work. This could include, but is not limited to, building warrant consent and owner’s consent.

Notice

This self-assessment form is intended for guidance purposes only and is not binding in determining whether planning permission is required for a particular proposal. Completion of this form does not constitute a certificate of lawful development and cannot prejudice any decision that the Local Planning Authority may make on any subsequently submitted formal application or planning enforcement investigation.

The completion of the self-assessment form does not imply or signify the agreement of the Local Planning Authority to any statement given by the applicant. Whilst best endeavours are made to ensure the self-assessment form is kept accurate and up to date, this cannot be relied upon. Use of the self-assessment form is entirely at your own risk.

Should you require a legally binding determination of whether planning permission is required, you may submit an application for a lawful development certificate. Applications for a certificate of lawful development require a fee and have a target determination period of 8 weeks. Further information can be obtained from our website.