

The Manor House, Lamyatt BA4 6NP

## DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

### 1. Heritage Assessment

The Manor House is a Grade II listed former farmhouse dating from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, with later alterations. Its walls are of local rubble stone with a 20<sup>th</sup> century tiled roof with stone coped verges and brick chimney stacks. The main elevation faces south over the garden with a 3-bay frontage and 3-light edge-moulded windows with stone mullions and drips, and the rear elevation faces onto the roadside.

The details of the listing recognise the building for its special architectural or historical interest, but its location next to the church of St. Mary and St. John gives it high visual significance in the village-scape.

### 2. Proposals

The intention of this application is to seek planning permission for the installation of twelve solar panels mounted in the garden to the south west of the main house, thereby enabling generation of solar energy and reduction of carbon emissions from the household.

### 3. Design

The proposed design of the installation is intended to minimise its visual impact on the listed building by siting them at ground level in part of the garden which is surrounded by fences and walls which are generally 1.8 metres high or more. The installation will therefore be effectively concealed when viewed from all directions and the location is as far from the house as possible in terms of its working efficiency.

The panels will be mounted on black aluminium frames at ground level at an angle of 15 degrees, rising to approximately 0.5 m above the ground.

### 4. Access

There is level access to the site at present and this will continue to be the case.