Heritage Statement and Design and Access Statement

Solar panels and Car charging point

at Primrose Farm, The Green, Wicklewood, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 9PX

Introduction

This statement is written to comply with paragraphs 128 and 129 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 (NPPF) which requires applicants to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected by alterations, including any contribution made by their setting, stating that ‘The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets’ importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance’.

The proposal

This application is for listed building consent for the project of installing a car charging point and solar panels to the stable block.

Charging point

This will be installed on the side of the existing barn wall. it will involve running a cable from the existing pump room distribution board up into the side barn and through the wall into the charger unit. The only disruption to the fabric of the building will be a 20mm hole through the existing brickwork.

Solar panels

The stable block has 2 south facing roofs, these are not visible from the house or the approach from the drive. The larger roof is closer to the boundary and would support 6.2 kw of solar panels and the smaller faces into the U shape and would support 4.4kw. Our proposal would be to install on-roof rails which would support the solar panels.

The need for listed building consent

Section 7 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that “no person shall execute or cause to be executed any works for the demolition of a listed building or for its alteration or extension in any manner which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest, unless the works are authorised.”

We realise the installation of the solar panels may need consent. We seek to establish if this alteration affects the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building and curtilage, and if so apply for the appropriate listed building consent and planning permissions to complete these works.

Access

Access arrangements are not affected by the proposed alteration.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out in this Heritage Statement we believe the proposed alteration is totally compatible with the preservation of the listed building and will help its overall sustainability.