

Heritage impact statement and justification statement (incorporating design and access statement) for the proposal under ref: NE/22/00377/FUL

**Installation of 18 solar panels on the roof of the existing dwelling at The Dairy 8 Manor Farm Court Titchmarsh Kettering NN14 3EJ**

The Dairy, 8, Manor Farm Court is a “L” shaped bungalow and is within the conservation area in Titchmarsh village. Full details of the conservation area can be found on the NNC website in document “East Northamptonshire Council – Titchmarsh Conservation Area Character Appraisal-Item 7 - Appendix B - 2009”.

The Dairy is a “barn conversion” completed in 1990 approx. The original stone walls are some 200 years old and front onto The Green and Chapel Street. The walls on the inside of the “L” were built, as part of the conversion, from blocks with brick and stone cladding. All rooves are covered with concrete tiles. The solar panels will be mounted on brackets on the two rooves on the inside of the “L”-one facing in a mainly southerly direction (13 panels) and the other in a mainly westerly direction (5 panels). The solar panels will overlook undeveloped land in Manor Farm Court and will not be visible from the village green or Chapel Street.

With the Government encouraging the adoption of microgeneration capacity as part of its climate change targets, it is likely that integrated and retrofit solar panels will become commonplace features in existing housing stock and on newbuild developments. This proposed installation does not appear to impact on any of the heritage features detailed in the Character Appraisal document.

**Design and Access Statement**

This proposal is for two surface mounted solar panel arrays on two rooves with battery backup and associated cabling all to be fitted at the same time. Full information on the panels being proposed is detailed in the manufacturer’s information sheet attached as part of this application. All cabling and battery storage will be contained in the existing building. The contract is being arranged by Contact Solar Ltd., and they will appoint fully qualified installers.

There are no changes to access and parking arrangements associated with this application.

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