

Installation of Solar Panels at Home Farm, 51 Main Street, Wilsford NR, Lincolnshire

Heritage Statement

Introduction

This heritage statement has been produced in support of the application for remedial works, detached garage, and conservatory.

The site is located within Wilsford conservation area, and the building is a grade II listed building. This statement is required to assess the impact of the proposed works on the building and its setting.

The site is not located in proximity to any other listed buildings within Wilsford.

The Building and Locality

The site is located on Main Street to the south of the road.

The building itself appears to be an original agricultural farmhouse that externally retains much of its key features. The building frontage sits directly on the boundary with the public highway, and this reflects a key theme seen on the north side of Main Street.

The building is constructed with local walling sandstone with quoins and natural clay pantiles. The prominent gable end openings are constructed with stone surrounds and mullions with lead paned glass within, other openings are timber frame with basic openings. The property has parapet gables to the main section of the property, with prominent chimneys and oversailing eaves cast iron guttering.

Planning and listed building consent permission was received for the erection of a single storey detached garage and an attached single storey conservatory. These have now been erected and are shown on the current existing floor plans

Listing

The building is a grade II listed building that has the following listing:

TF 04 SW WILSFORD MAIN STREET
(North Side)

4/119 No. 51
(Home Farmhouse)

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House. Early C17, altered C19 and C20. Coursed limestone rubble with ashlar quoins and dressings, pantiled roof with raised stone coped gables, single ball finial. Single ashlar ridge and gable stacks now with C20 brick funnels. 2 storey 4 bay front having off centre half glazed door covered by a C20 gabled porch. To right are a 2 light sliding glazing bar sash and 2 fixed 2 light glazing bar windows. To first floor are 2 sliding glazing bar sashes; all openings have timber lintels. To right a single bay service wing with gabled pantiled roof and single brick gable stack has an outshut in front with a single C20 plain fixed light. To right gable is a 2 light mullioned window. To left hand (road) gable is a 3 light mullioned window to the ground floor, a 2 light C20 glazing bar casement to the first floor in a stone surround and a 2 light mullioned window to the gable. All mullioned windows are ovolo moulded with moulded cornices. Interior retains deeply chamfered girders with rounded stops and a fireplace with a chamfered lintel.

Listing NGR: TF0021243138

The Proposal

The proposal is for the following:

- The installation of 4no solar panels on the south-west roof pitch to the detached garage.
- The Installation of 2no solar panels to the single section of the property over the utility, on south-east roof pitch.

Impact

This section focuses on the impact the proposals have on the building and the setting. Each section will be explained in detail and a level of impact identified:

The installation of 4no solar panels on the south-west roof pitch to the detached garage.

The detached garage is located in the southwest section of the site that is not visible from the public highway or passing traffic. The solar panels are to be located on the southwest pitch of the roof that is facing away from the site and the public highway.

The panels aren't visible from the public highway and are in no way intrusive on the setting of the listed building or the conservation area.

It is felt that the proposal will have minimal impact on the setting of the building.

The Installation of 2no solar panels to the single section of the property over the utility, on south-east roof pitch.

This section of the building is located to the southwest section of the site that is not visible from the public highway or passing traffic. The solar panels are to be located on the southeast pitch of the roof that is facing into the amenity area for the site.

The panels are only visible from the furthest extent of the amenity area as they are hidden by the first-floor section of the building and site trees. The site is surrounded by a tall stone wall and aren't visible from the public highway and are in no way intrusive on the setting of the listed building or the conservation area.

It is felt that the proposal will have minimal impact on the setting of the building.

Solar Panels

The solar panels to be used are the Perlight Delta 415W Total Black Mono solar panels. These are slimline and completely black as is preferred to be used on listed buildings.

The solar panels are easy to install and have minor intrusion to the existing property.

The solar panels are high quality, and although small in number, generate a substantial amount of renewable energy. The property is currently run off oil, and in a world where fossil fuels are rapidly being phased out for more sustainable energy sources, these solar panels provide a significant benefit to the longevity of the building in a discrete manner.

Conclusion

It is felt that the proposal will have a positive impact on the setting that will further enhance the key features of the conservation area.