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(by email only)

### **IS3 Silver Service (for listed buildings)**

Proposal: Installation of ground mounted solar panels and EV charging points  
Location: Swafield Hall, Knapton Road, Swafield, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 0RP

I write in response to your pre-application enquiry received on 1st March 2023.

Firstly, from a procedural point of view, I can confirm that the stand alone solar array would definitely not need listed building consent but *would* need an application for planning permission; this is by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 14, Class B of the The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

In the event of receiving such an application, the key consideration for the Conservation & Design section would be the impact of the array upon the setting of the grade II listed building. In this regard, a combination of the separation distance between the array and the heritage asset, and the natural screening provided by the existing mature hedging, would prevent any substantive harm occurring. As a result, I would not anticipate there being any C&D objections to this particular proposal.

As regards the EV charging points also mentioned, these will also require planning permission if they are to be cited anywhere within the curtilage of the listed building; Schedule 2, Part 2, Class D of the GPDO refers in this case. In the absence of any details on their precise location and appearance, it is not possible to offer informed comment on their acceptability. However, assuming that they would be relatively recessive and would not detract from the setting of the hall, these are also likely to be viewed favourably.

Please be aware that the views expressed are those of an officer and are not binding on the Council or any of its Committees when considering any subsequent related planning application(s). In accordance with our pre-application protocols, they also do not take account of any wider planning considerations which might emerge.

Regards

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