HOME FARM, SALTERS LANE, LUDGERSHALL, AYLESBURY, BUCKS HP18 9NY

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON STABLE BLOCK ROOF

**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT** 

The stable block at Home Farm was constructed in 2000 in accordance with the listed buildings consent that was granted at the time. It is within the curtilage of Home Farm, a listed building, but it is not within a conservation area.

The stable block is a U shaped single storey building and includes a garage, 2 corner stables, 2 other stables, a feed room, a tack room and a walk way through the middle. It is constructed of wooden panels on a concrete base, with a roof of Onduline corrugated bitumen sheets. 4 of the roof slopes are suitable for the installation of solar panels and it is proposed to install 9 solar panels on the northerly south facing slope, 8 on the west facing slope, 5 on the east facing slope and 7 on the southerly south facing slope, 29 solar panels in all. The proposed panels have not been finally selected as yet, but each one will measure 1.7m x 1.0m approximately, will be black in colour and will be installed in portrait orientation close together on each slope. Since the stable roof is also black in colour, the solar panels will blend well with the roof. The stables are not currently being used for equestrian purposes, as no horses are being kept at Home Farm. They are being used for general storage purposes of the owners' belongings.

The stable block is not visible from any public road or other place of public access. It is only visible from the 2 neighbouring new houses to the south, both of which have recently installed solar panels on their roofs. We have no reason to believe our neighbours would have any objection to this proposal and indeed they did not inform us before installing solar panels on their roofs, to which likewise we have no objection.

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