

Design, Access & Heritage Statement

The nature of the heritage asset(s) What is the asset? (Is it a house / barn / statue?) What's the history behind it? (If known) Please refer to the historic record number / reference if known.

The Old Byre was a redundant farm building converted to independent residential use some years ago under UTT/1218/07/FUL and UTT/1219/07/LB.

The barn is not listed but is sited within the historical curtilage of Swards End Farmhouse, which is a Grade II listed building.

The proposed works What work are you planning to do to the building / surrounding area? (Include details on scale, height, construction, materials, landscaping, services). For affected internal works to listed buildings this should also include details of historic fabric (materials) or architectural features. For archaeological sites, details of new foundations, ground disturbance or provision or services should be provided.

Installing solar panels on the south facing roof (20 in total) as per attached image and a single battery stored in a cupboard inside the house, providing around 5,780kWh per year.

Relevant Planning History Has there been any planning applications for the building / surrounding area before? Please include any application references where known.

None that are relevant to this planning application

The Impact on the asset(s) How will the proposed works affect the significance of the heritage asset? Consider not only physical impacts (e.g. loss or concealment of features) but also the impact on the assets' character and setting. How has the impact been minimised? What justification is there for the works?

None. The panels will not be visible from any part of the listed Farmhouse. The panels will be visible from a small stretch of the road and is shrouded by trees on the opposite side of the road from opposite houses.

Layout and scale: the panels are to be placed horizontally on the roof in two rows. There is no impact on scale.

Preserving or enhancing the Heritage Asset How will the proposed works better reveal or enhance the significance of the heritage asset? (e.g. make it look better? highlight characteristics previously hidden?) Will there be any public benefit as a result of the work?

We don't believe it will have an impact, although it will provide sustainable electricity for the property, as opposed to burning fuels, and any excess generated will be given to the grid.

It is not uncommon to see solar panels on what is essentially a farm barn/outbuilding, in the context of the listing.