

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Site – Stoneleigh Village Club

Vicarage Road

Stoneleigh

Coventry

CV83DH

Proposal

To install solar panels within a valley formed by two adjoining hipped roofs which is hidden from view.

Description

Stoneleigh Village Club is a Grade II Listed Building formerly a barn or stables it was part of the Stoneleigh Abbey Estate. In 1856 it was opened as a Reading Room for the village later becoming Stoneleigh Village Club. The main building is of red sandstone construction with traditional tile roofs, attached to the NE side is a later timber clad brick building with a cement board roof. The building is an important part of the character of the village, located in the heart of the village surrounded by other similar Listed Buildings.

Historic England List Details

Details

STONELEIGH Vicarage Road (north side)

20/324 Stoneleigh Village Club

7.11.80

GV II

Mid C19, formerly a barn or stables and part of the 'New Almhouses' range. Sandstone ashlar and plain tiled roof with stone coped gable ends and moulded eaves. Two large four-centred arches, right one with wooden double doors, the other which is blocked with masonry contains a square headed mullion/transom diamond pane window with square drip-mould. Narrow four-centred arch doorway between with fanlight. Lower slightly set back wing on north-east end with hipped roof and four-centred arch doorway.

Listing NGR: SP3298572708

Impact Assessment

Modern solar panels on historic buildings can be visually detrimental to the appearance of the building and out of keeping with neighbouring properties.

Minor damage would be caused by the surface mounted fixing fixings, for slimline solar panel (not the proposed type) whole sections of the roof tiles and battens are removed to install trays for the panels to sit in causing damage to the fabric.

The weight of the whole system was considered but as the weight is evenly distributed over the valley roof the impact on the timber frame will be negligible.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

To mitigate the appearance of solar panels it is proposed to locate them in the valley formed by the adjoining gable roofs which is not visible. The panels will be set back from the north east gable as approximately 1m of the valley roof is visible if you stand on a narrow line of sight on Vicarage Road.

In designing the proposal, the slimline solar panel system was rejected as it required extensive modification to the roof. The bracket and rail system was chosen as only a few tiles are lifted, the bracket fixed to the roof timber and the tiles trimmed to fit around the bracket. If in the future solar panels become redundant they can be removed and the tiles replaced with matching reclaimed tiles.

The proposal will help ensure the building's energy requirements are more sustainable in future.

