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St. JOHN METHODIST CHURCH



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Design, Access and Heritage Statement is intended to accompany the full planning application for the installation of 1no. air source heat pump, new double glazed timber windows and a Solar PV array at St. John Methodist Church.

These upgrades are designed to assist the Church in developing a viable Pathway to reducing the building carbon emissions to Net Zero. This stems from the commitment made by the Methodist Church to become Net Zero by 2040. The aim is to generate as much electricity as the church consumes over one year (the burning of fossil fuels being eliminated).

When undertaking a project to reduce carbon emissions and particularly when considering the installation of a heat pump, it is important to use a holistic, whole building approach.

In order of priority these are:

1. Energy demand should be reduced as much as possible
2. Heating and electricity should come from the lowest possible carbon source, ideally removing fossil fuel boilers and replacing with electric heating
3. Generate renewable electricity on site to match demand as much as possible

Improving the building fabric insulation, control systems and energy management (lighting, heating, ventilation) will assist in reducing the overall demand, whilst the deployment of appropriate renewable energy generation will help reduce the carbon footprint.

- 1.2 The air source heat pump is to be installed externally to the Western elevation near the rear of the Vestry structure.
- 1.3 The new double-glazed timber framed windows are to be installed on the main chapel building as per the glazing schedule; 1838-MWE-D3A-XX-XX-SC-A-6200 P03 WINDOW TYPES AND SCHEDULE.
- 1.4 The new Solar PV array is to be installed on both pitches of the main Chapel roof.

2.2 HISTORY AND DESIGNATION RECORDS

The Chapel was built in 1866 in solid brickwork and stonework with a slate, trussed roof. Windows and doors are timber single glazed.

The Methodist Church does not have an official entry listing in the Listed building register, nor does it appear on any designation records for Historic England; the building has no record on HERs Humber Sites and Monuments Record for East Riding of Yorkshire assets information.

However, the former Methodist Chapel (cons. 1786) to the rear appears under listing number 1084102, HERs Humber number 4776, and is mentioned in the *Market Weighton Conservation Area Appraisal 2009*. We should note that the Historic England map search has incorrectly put the location pin for this structure on the later and unlisted St John Methodist Church. See Figure 3.

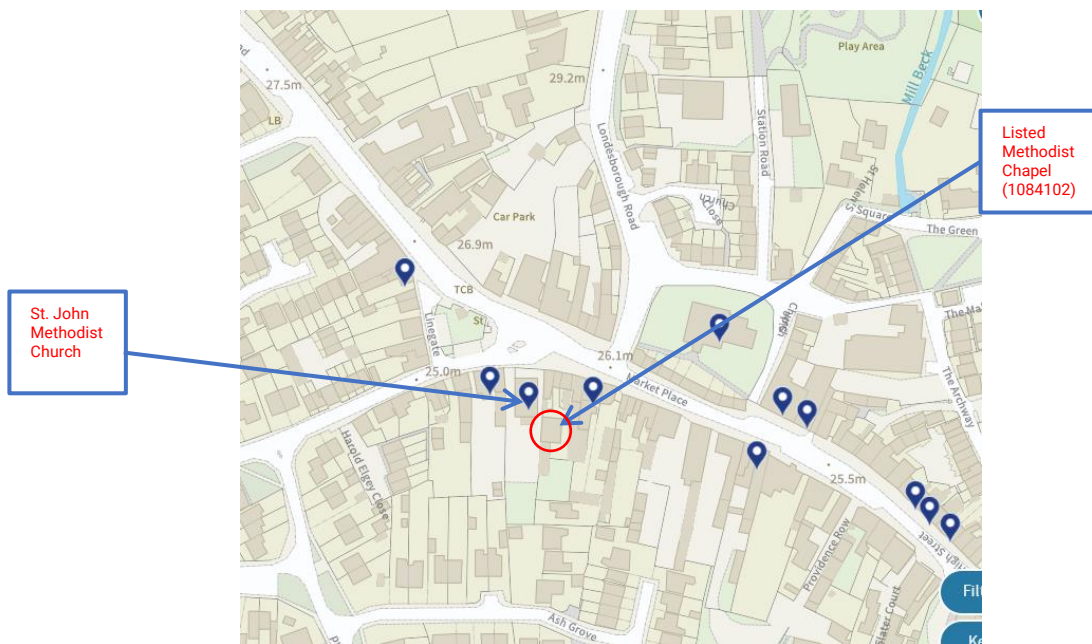


Figure 3 Location pins of listed buildings on Historic England listings map



Figure 4 St John Methodist Church, Front Elevation and entrance on Market Place, Market Weighton

3.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

3.1 The following documents were considered when assessing the proposed works impact on the settings of nearby heritage assets and the conservation area:

- Policy ENV3 of the East Riding Local Plan
- Conservation area appraisals and management plans for East Riding of Yorkshire
- Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework
- Historic England Good Practice Advice Note 3 (2017) on the setting of Heritage Assets

3.2 The only loss or change to building fabric caused by the proposal will be the substitution of single glazed timber windows to the main Chapel in favour of double glazed timber to match existing glazing. These changes do not damage the character of the conservation area as they are to be installed on the Chapel building, which is not a heritage asset, and furthermore will retain the character of the original windows thus preserving the appearance of the Methodist Church from the street.

The Air Source Heat Pump is to be installed on the Western elevation to the rear of the Chapel, next to the Vestry. The Heat Pump will be hidden from the street and neighbouring listed Methodist Chapel by the existing footprint of St John Methodist Church, as well as a steel mesh security enclosure that will make the Heat Pump be more discreet when seen from the car park at the rear.

Finally, the Solar PV arrays are to be installed on the East and West facing roof pitches of the Church. The proximity of neighbouring structures means there is limited visibility from the roadside, and so the arrays should not affect the character or feeling of the Market Weighton Conservation area.

- 3.3** The key views onto the Market Place and York Road intersection are not compromised, the character of the original building elevations will be retained through installing timber frame double glazed windows in the same style as existing glazing.
- 3.4** Overall, the proposal will have no impact on the settings of the Market Weighton Conservation area, nor on the other listed buildings within the Conservation area.



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