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HUTTON CRANSWICK 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 UPVC windows and a Solar PV array at Hutton Cranswick 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 Eastern elevation near the rear of the Hall structure.
- 1.3 The new double-glazed windows are to be installed on the Western Elevation of the Hall structure.
- 1.4 The new Solar PV array is to be installed on the Southeastern pitch of the main church building roof.

## 2.0 PHYSICAL CONTEXT – SITE & SURROUNDING AREA

### 2.1 LOCATION

Hutton Cranswick Methodist Church is located on the intersection between Hutton Road and Main Street inside the Cranswick conservation area. There are few listed buildings nearby, and they cannot be seen from the church site.



Figure 1: Planning Constraints map and the site location for the church

Reference: [Planning constraints map tool \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](http://planningconstraintsmaptool.eastriding.gov.uk)

### 2.2 HISTORY AND DESIGNATION RECORDS

The Chapel was built in 1901 in solid brickwork with a slate, trussed roof. Windows are timber single glazed. Side entrance hall/toilets and lobby are single storey, brick walls with pitched slate roof. These were updated in 2011 including insulated ceiling and double glazed UPVC windows.

To the rear is the Church Hall, built in 1969, with timber construction and a pitched corrugated cement sheet roof. Windows are 50% double glazed and 50% single glazed.

The Methodist Church does not appear on any designation records for Historic England; the site has no record on HERs Humber Sites and Monuments Record for East Riding of Yorkshire assets information. However, the church is mentioned in the *East Riding of Yorkshire Council Cranswick Conservation Area Appraisal, July 2006* in which it is described as a building of character that gives this portion of Main Street a feeling of enclosure.



Figure 2: Hutton Cranswick Methodist Church, Front Elevation and entrance on Main Street, Hutton Cranswick

## 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 Western face of the Hall in favour of double glazed UPVC to match windows on the car park side. These changes do not damage the character of the chapel as they are to be installed on the Hall, a much later addition to the site as previously mentioned. Furthermore, the proposed windows are not visible from the road as they are obscured by foliage, so they will not affect the character or feeling of the Cranswick Conservation area.

The Air Source Heat Pump will be installed on the Eastern elevation to the rear of the Hall, behind a pre-existing dark wooden fence at the rear of the car park. This will hide the Heat Pump from view of the street, and therefore will not affect the character or feeling of the Cranswick Conservation area. Furthermore, the addition of a dark green mesh steel fence will help the ASHP be more discreet behind the already existing timber fencing.



Finally, the Solar PV array is to be installed on the Southeastern facing roof pitch of the Church. The proximity of neighbouring structures means there is limited visibility from the roadside, and so the array should not affect the character or feeling of the Cranswick Conservation area.

- 3.3** The key views onto the Main Street are not compromised, the building elevations are not to be altered.
- 3.4** Overall, the proposal will have no impact on the settings of the conservation area, its' feeling of enclosure nor on the other listed buildings within the conservation area.



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