

Planning and Development
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Dear Planning and development management,

GLENBROOK, GETTON FIELDS GL54 5HH – Installation of PV panels in rear garden

Design and Access Statement

I am writing in support of my application for listed building consent for the above development.

Glenbrook is a large brick detached house circa 1849 built in the Victorian Gothic style. The house is glazed with painted timber windows and a plain tiled roof. The property has been developed and modernised in several ways including outbuildings .

The design approach considers the impact upon the setting of the historic structure and in this way it ensures that energy saving measures are appropriate, proportionate, properly integrated and cost effective. There is no risk of consequences, affecting the structure and setting, and the PV system and supporting structure are well tested and regularly used in similar circumstances.

While heritage legislation states that special attention should be paid to the desirability of preserving and/or enhancing the character/appearance of that area it also states that there is scope for weighing minor compromises against the need for modernisation and the long term practicalities of maintaining a historic structure for its occupants.

The panels are required due to the ever rising cost of maintaining suitable and affordable heating to the house which, due to its listing, has limited options for increasing its thermal efficiency and conservation of fuel.

The building is set back from the main road by 30-40 ms and conceals views of the garden, to the rear, where the panels are to be placed. There is a footpath 50ms to the north but the site is shielded by trees, and hedgerow including the beech hedge which encloses the garden/site.

It is proposed that the site is levelled and five rows of panels will be mounted on angled ground frames, facing south for optimum performance. The frames will be tilted at the latitude of the site to increase efficiency.

The location of the pv panels is detached form the house, in a utility area of the garden, and will not interfere with the listed buildings setting, in any way. The site was occupied by a garden trampoline until recently and is enclosed on three sides by a beech hedge and the west side shielded by the garage building.

Please refer to the attached photographs and drawings for additional information.
I trust my application is sufficient to assess the project favourably but please contact me if additional information is required.

Yours faithfully


Michael Lumley.