



Chadwick Town Planning

Landscaping Details - Note

Installation of 80 no. photovoltaic (PV) panels (37.2 kWp) on rear roof slope and associated works - Lincoln Hall, Museum Road, Oxford, OX1 3PX

For Lincoln College

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1. Introduction

This Note has been prepared by Chadwick Town Planning Limited on behalf of Lincoln College to support an application seeking planning permission for the installation of 80 no. photovoltaic (PV) panels (37.2 kWp) on the rear roof slope along with associated works at Lincoln Hall, Museum Road, Oxford, OX1 3PX.

2. Landscaping

In respect of landscaping, the supporting text in the adopted Oxford Local Plan, 2036 states at Paragraph 3.72:

'Public and private space should be clearly delineated through the use of landscaping and design, without the need for signs. Orientation to ensure adequate sunlight will affect the usability of the space, although should be considered in terms of the whole fabric of the design. Different types of space should be designed into the same larger communal space, with attention to providing areas to play, sit, shelter, sunny areas and grass. Communal outdoor amenity space should be adaptable to changing needs, allowing opportunities for residents to influence the design of their amenity space and introduce food growing areas if desired.'

Paragraph 6.7 of the adopted Oxford Local Plan, 2036 adds:

'Good quality landscaping is a fundamental part of successful outdoor spaces. It is essential that landscape schemes/designs are evolved alongside architectural designs to ensure that there is a strong relationship between buildings and spaces. Trees and plants are important elements of any landscape scheme as they provide visual interest, adding colours, shapes and textures that provide a foil to buildings, helping to frame outside spaces and make them more attractive. The careful choice of hard surface materials can have a big impact on the success and overall quality of outdoor spaces.'

3. Proposal

In this case, the proposal simply involves the proposed installation of 80 no. photovoltaic (PV) panels (37.2 kWp) on the rear (south-facing) roof slope at Lincoln Hall, Museum Road, where there are no additional opportunities for landscaping.

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However, at the rear of Lincoln Hall in a courtyard between the Hall and the adjacent EPA building there is already existing, attractive landscaping as can be seen on the approved layout plan for the EPA building – see Figure 1 – and the Google Earth image of the site – see Figure 2.

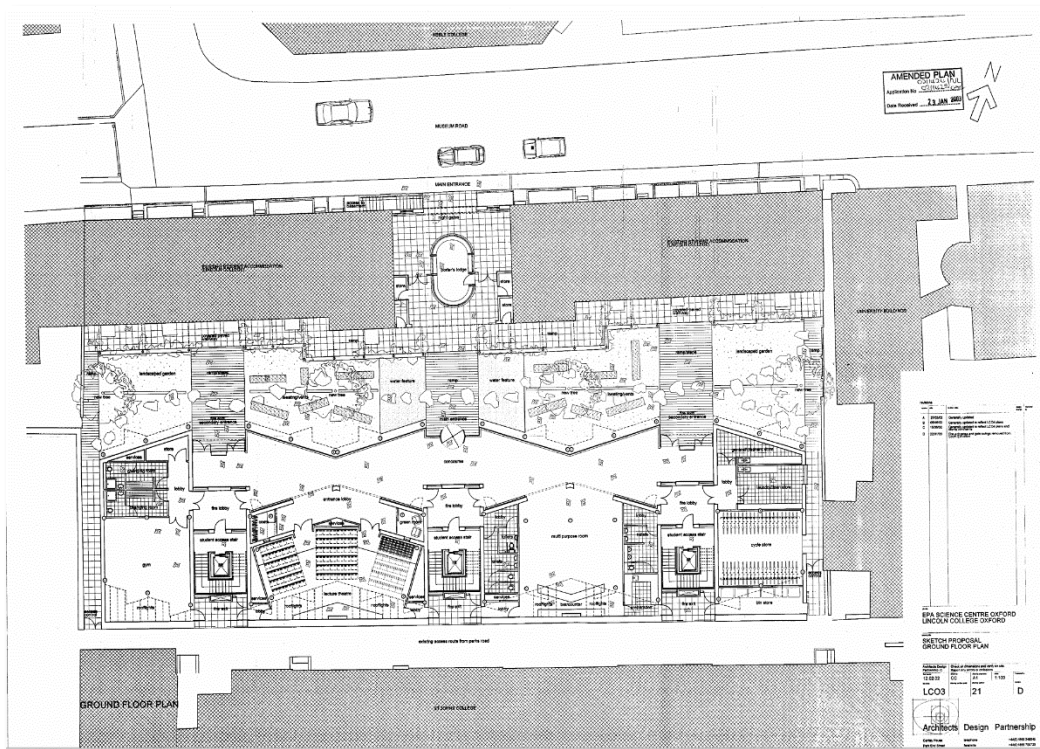


Figure 1 – Approved Layout for the EPA building



Figure 2 – Google Earth Image of Site



4. Conclusion

The proposal has no implications for the existing landscaped areas, which are unaffected by the proposal and will be maintained, as existing, by the College. The proposal will therefore have no impact upon existing landscaping and there are no additional, practical opportunities for new landscaping within the site given that the proposal affects the rear, south roof slope of Lincoln Hall. Notwithstanding this, the proposal preserves the heritage significance and special character and appearance of the Conservation Area and will create a high quality development for students and others using the College buildings, as required by the Oxford Local Plan, 2036 and the Rector and Fellows of Lincoln College.