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Dear Sir/Madam

**Sports Building, Merchant Taylors' Prep School, Moor Farm Bungalow, Sandy Lodge Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1LW**  
**Submission of Full Planning Application**  
**Portal Ref: PP- 12916358**

Please find enclosed an application on behalf of client for full planning permission for the following development:

*Installation of 88 photovoltaic panels on the roof of the existing sports building at Merchant Taylors' Prep School.*

Accordingly, please find enclosed the following documents:

- Application Form
- Planning, Design, Access & Sustainability Statement (Solve Planning)
- Site Location Plan
- Heritage Statement prepared by Asset Heritage Consulting
- Schletter Modular Clamp specification
- PV Specifications – Vertex S
- Solar Panel Roof Load Check statement prepared by Oxford Consulting Engineers
- Schletter panel clamp details
- Schletter Slate mount details
- Pigeon Protection details
- Metasol technical data sheets
- Solar Edge – Powercor PV's energy specifications
- Proposed Plans as set out in the schedule below:

Drawing Ref	Drawing Title
202403-HB06-P01	Front Elevation Building - 2
202403-HB07-P01	Rear Elevation Building - 2

202403-HB08-P01	Side Elevation Building - 2
202403-HB09-P01	Side Elevation Building - 2
202403-HB10-P01	Roof Plan Building - 2

### **Biodiversity Net Gain**

Schedule 7A of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) (here in referred to as the 'Act') has been inserted by the Environment Act 2021 (as amended), and requires that when planning permission is granted, it is subject to the provision of a biodiversity gain plan. The biodiversity gain plan seeks to ensure that the biodiversity value attributable to a development exceeds the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat by at least the relevant percentage, which in this case is 10%.

These requirements are however subject to exemptions relating to very small scale development or development which does not impact habitat through loss or degradation within the red line boundary. Habitat in respect of BNG relates to grassland, hedgerows, lakes, woodland, watercourses such as rivers and streams.

The proposals relate entirely to the installation of photovoltaic panels to part of the roof slope of an existing building within the site and therefore will not involve the removal or alteration of the existing roof, nor will it impact on any habitat within the site. As such, the proposals are de minimis and the requirements of Schedule 7A of the 'Act' for the provision of a biodiversity gain plan is not applicable in this instance.

### **Fees**

The application fee has been paid via the planning portal.

I trust you have everything necessary to validate the application. However, please do not hesitate to make contact if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely



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