

Heritage Statement

Proposed installation of Solar Panels

Public Conveniences, Towngate, Holmfirth HD9 1AD

Introduction

This statement is written to comply with paragraphs 7c, 157, 160, 163 and 164 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); policies LP1, LP26 and LP35 of the Kirklees Local Plan (LP) and Policy 12 of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan (NPD).

The Property

The building lies within the Holmfirth Conservation Area, designated in 1972 by the former West Riding County Council.

The building was built following the grant of planning permission in January 1987 (pp 86/62K/01623/C3).

The property is a detached modern stone purpose built unit, in the centre of Holmfirth adjacent to the bus station car park and Post Office. It is in a prominent position on Towngate with a small grass and planting areas to its southern gable wall.

In 2017 permission was granted for the Change of Use & alterations to form revised public toilets, A1 (shops & retail), A2 (professional services, a3 (café/restaurant), A5 hot food & takeaway) – planning permission 2017/62/92605/W.

The building was transferred to the ownership of The Holme Valley Parish Council in 2017 to maintain public facilities within the Town.

The Proposal

It is intended to install solar panels, which should make the unit energy self-sufficient.

The Parish Council has declared a Climate Change Emergency and this proposal is indicative of its intentions to see a reduction in its carbon footprint.

The impact on Listed and Historic buildings in the immediate vicinity will not be materially affected to any degree.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out in this Heritage Statement is compatible with the policies laid out in the National Planning Policy Framework, the Kirklees Local Plan and the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan.

