

PLANNING APPLICATION
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ROOF
SOLAR PANELS (WITHIN A
CONSERVATION AREA)

AT

8 GREENFIELD ROAD
HOLMFIRTH
HD9 2BJ

ON BEHALF OF
C. O'HALLORAN

SUPPORTING AND HERITAGE STATEMENT

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1.0 – THE PROPERTY

1.01 – No. 8 is a semi-detached property set in an elevated position above Greenfield Road.

2.0 – PLANNING HISTORY

2.01 – Planning permission was granted in 2014 (2014/93781) for the erection of a two storey side extension, detached garage and solar panels. The solar panels were located on both the existing house roof and that of the extension. A modified proposal was submitted in the following year (2015/93654). The only amendment was to reduce the extension down to a single storey with a terrace over. This extension was subsequently built and the planning for all elements, including the solar panels on the South Elevation, implemented.

3.0 - PROPOSALS

3.01 – The applicant is environmentally conscious and has explored the solar panel proposals with a number of suppliers. Unfortunately, the various assessments all confirmed that installing solar panels on the South roof only, will not provide the necessary output to service the house. The limitations of the hipped roof restrict solar panel surface area.

3.02 – Further assessments were carried out with the inclusion of 3 solar panels on the West roof of the property. These assessments confirmed that the additional panels will provide sufficient surface area to service the house.

3.03 – The solar panels proposed are Longi LR5-54HTB 415-435M units. These are of a pure black appearance, see Image 1. These will integrate into the existing appearance of the slate roof and will not appear obtrusive.



Image 1 – Example of the pure black finish.

3.04 – The units are approximately 1100mm high by 1700mm wide. The proposals show 5 panels on the South elevation and 3 panels on the West Elevation

4.00 – HERITAGE STATEMENT

4.01 – No. 8 Greenfield Road is within the Holmfirth Conservation Area. To ensure the appearance of the solar panels is discreet the applicant has opted for a pure black unit to complement the existing roof slates.

4.02 – There are many examples of solar panels in the immediate vicinity. Image 2, a view to the host dwelling from across the valley on Cemetary Road, demonstrates how the panels are commonplace within the area and landscape of Holmfirth.

4.03 – As mentioned No. 8 is located in an elevated position above Greenfield Road. Due to this, the roof benefits from being virtually hidden from view when walking along the adjacent footpath, see Image 3.



Image 2 – View to 8 Greenfield Road from Cemetary Road, note the existing panels.



Image 3 – View of No.8 from the Greenfield Road pavement, note the roof planes are barely visible.

5.00 - CONCLUSION

5.01 - The applicant very much wishes to adopt a more greener and environmentally friendly approach. The solar panels will only be efficient and capable of servicing the house if located on the South and West facing roofs. The panels on the South Elevation are already acceptable due to a previous implemented planning permission. Therefore this application covers the panels on the West Elevation.

5.02 – The design of the panels has been carefully chosen to reduce any impact they may have on the Holmfirth setting. The panels will integrate into the roofs, which as shown in Image 3 will be barely visible from Greenfield Road. When viewed from across the valley, Image 2 demonstrates that the panels will not appear unusual or incongruous due to the numerous other examples.

5.03 - We therefore trust that Kirklees MC can approve these proposals.