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**68, Wellhouse Green, Wellhouse, Huddersfield,
HD7 4ET**

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Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Planning Services,
PO Box 1720,
HUDDERSFIELD,
HD1 9EL

Re: Listed Building Consent and Planning Application

**Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Panels and Battery Storage
68, Wellhouse Green, Wellhouse, Huddersfield, HD7 4ET
Grade II Listed Building**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter accompanies an application for Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission relating to the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and associated battery storage at **68, Wellhouse Green, Wellhouse, Huddersfield, HD7 4ET** to a **Grade II Listed Building**

The proposals have been carefully developed to ensure full compliance with the statutory duties set out in Sections 16 and 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as well as the policies of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Kirklees Local Plan.

Heritage Significance

The application property is a Grade II Listed Building of national importance, valued for its architectural and historic interest. The building is characteristic of historic development within Kirklees, constructed in traditional local materials and contributing positively to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Its significance is derived principally from its historic fabric, architectural form, traditional roofscape, and its contribution to the wider historic townscape.

Proposed Works

The application seeks consent for:

- The installation of **low-profile solar photovoltaic panels** on a **secondary, rear roof slope**, avoiding the principal elevation.
- The installation of **battery storage units externally**, within a secondary space of limited heritage significance.
- Associated cabling and fixings designed to be **discreet, minimally invasive, and fully reversible**.

No historic fabric of significance will be removed or permanently altered as part of the proposals.

Impact on Heritage Assets

The proposed works have been designed to preserve the special architectural and historic interest of the Listed Building. The siting, scale, and appearance of the solar panels ensure limited visibility from public viewpoints, thereby preserving the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

The proposals are assessed as causing **no harm** to the significance of the Listed Building or Conservation Area. Should any impact be identified, it would fall at the **lowest end of the “less than substantial harm” spectrum**, as defined by the NPPF.

Policy Considerations and Public Benefits

The proposals accord with:

- **NPPF paragraphs 199–208**, which require heritage assets to be conserved while allowing for sustainable development.
- **Kirklees Local Plan Policy HE1**, which supports development that conserves heritage significance.
- **Kirklees Local Plan Policy CC1**, which promotes climate change mitigation and renewable energy.

The development delivers clear public benefits, including reduced carbon emissions, improved energy efficiency, and the long-term sustainability of a designated heritage asset, supporting its continued viable use and maintenance.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed installation of solar PV panels and battery storage represents a sensitive and appropriate form of development that preserves the significance of the Grade II Listed Building and the character of the Conservation Area. The works are discreet, reversible, and policy-compliant, while delivering demonstrable environmental and public benefits.

Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission are therefore respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

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