

## **Listed building consent**

**Reference: PP-14814726**

Address: Cockring, Cop Hill Side, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5XA

## **Heritage statement**

*The application is for 18 solar panels to be installed on the roof. The panels would be installed on the roofs of the two extensions built in 2013 and also on the roof of the room known as the sun room which was added in 1996. No panels would be sited on the roof over the original 1880 structure.*

*The grade two listing states the following:*

*Mid to late C18. (Cottage to east early to mid C19). Formerly 2 cottages and barn. Hammer dressed stone. Rendered west gable. Quoins to centre cottage (east end). Pitched slate roof. 2 storeys. Cottages: south elevation: ground floor; recent doorway. One 5-light stone mullioned window (recessed). First floor; former 7-light stone mullioned window (2 centre lights blocked) and one 3-light stone mullioned window. North elevation: cottage to east: one 3-light stone mullioned window to each floor with recent alterations. Cottage to centre: ground floor; one 2-light stone mullioned window (slightly recessed). First floor: one 2-light stone mullioned window with chamfered surrounds and mullion. Modern lean-to extension to east gable. Barn: south elevation: later doorway with steel lintel. Breaks forward with catslide roof over. North elevation: ground floor has small doorway with stone surrounds and chamfered reveals and one 2-light stone mullioned window with chamfered surrounds and mullion. Two small lights with semicircular arched heads at high level.*

*In 2013 planning permission was given for a two storey extension and changes to the east end of the property.*

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*It is the roofs of these sections of the property and the other extension built in 1996 that we wish to put solar panels on. Not the central original 1880 part of the property.*

*The proposed plans would lead to a dramatic reduction in the buildings carbon footprint supporting Kirklees Council's Climate Emergency goals to be Net Zero and Climate Ready by 2038..*

*Historic England say "Decision-makers must balance heritage preservation with climate adaptation benefits, considering legislation and policies." The installer estimates the panels will lead to us producing two tons less carbon every year. Over*

*the lifetime of the system the savings would be equal to 34 long haul flights, 47,851 car kilometres driven and equivalent to 308 trees being planted.*

*The solar panels that would be ultra-low profile, all-black monocrystalline PV panels with a non-reflective (matte) finish. and fully reversible. The black cells and black frames will blend most effectively with the dark tones of Spanish slate. The mounting system: would be black anodised aluminium mounting rails with stainless steel 'slate-hook' fixings." The hooks will be installed beneath the existing Spanish slates. No slates will be cut or drilled, ensuring the weather-tightness and integrity of the existing roof is maintained and ensuring the installation is fully reversible. The cabling will be UV-stabilised DC cabling in black; routed internally where possible or housed in black conduit to match the roof tone. The installation will not impact any historic fabric.*

*Furthermore, the visual impact on the wider setting is negligible; existing mature trees and the typography along the southern boundary provide significant natural screening, obscuring much of the roofline from the public bridleway that runs to the rear of the property. (see photos)*

*Many of our neighbours also currently have solar panels fitted to their roofs so it would be in keeping with the general look of the area.*