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Subject: DM/26/0708 HPP College - Sports Hall Roof

Hi Andy

Comments on the above application. My apologies for the delay in getting these to you, which has been caused by pressure of other work.

The proposed development affects the sports hall at Hurstpierpoint College. This is a modern building forming part of the college campus which is centred on two Grade II listed buildings, the quadrangle and Star House, both of which date from the 19th century. The hall is located among other modern buildings to the southwest of these two listed structures.

The current proposal relates to the roof of the hall and comprises the following works:

- Replacement of the existing roof covering with a composite roof system, which involves raising the height of the roof by 150mm;
- Incorporation of solar PV panels within the south facing roof slope; and
- A minor extension to the roof at its eastern end, so that an existing step down in height is removed in favour of a consistent higher ridge line.

In my opinion given the existing nature of the building these works will not adversely affect its contribution to the settings of the adjacent listed buildings. Although a composite roof is not a traditional material and might in other circumstances not be considered appropriate to the context, in this case the existing roof to the hall is of built up felt, which is not in itself an attractive or particularly sympathetic treatment. The solar PV panels will be fairly extensive but will be located to the elevation facing away from the listed buildings. The submitted specification and proposed sectional drawing suggest that the panels are relatively slim and although mounted above the roof finish rather than in line with it (which would be the optimal situation) will project only slightly from the roof plane. I would like to see a detailed section to confirm this, but this could be required by condition. The additional height and bulk of the roof to the eastern end will be minor, and will not materially affect the relationship of scale of this building with the surrounding development.

In summary therefore, subject to the above-mentioned condition with respect to the detail of the solar PV installation, the proposal is considered on balance to preserve the settings and special interests of the quadrangle and Star House, meeting the requirements of District Plan Policy DP34v and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

Thanks,

Emily

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