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Subject: New Bury Theatre, HPP College DM/26/0680

Hi Debbie

Comments on the above planning application.

The New Bury Theatre is a modern building within the Hurstpierpoint College Campus, located a short distance to the west of the Grade II listed college quadrangle and Star House. The current proposal is for the installation of a solar PV array to the southern roof of the music school and to the eastern part of the flat roof of the performing arts centre.

The proposed array is extensive, comprising 176 panels, with associated mounts, cabling and equipment. It will occupy a substantial part of the southern roof slope of the school. It will also be visible above the parapet to the flat roof of the performing arts centre. However, in terms of views from the direction of the listed buildings, it is likely that only the latter will be noticeable, and that the visual impact will be limited given that the panels will be partially obscured by the existing roof structure. They will also be viewed against the backdrop of the remaining part of the modern building complex. On balance, the impact on the character of the setting of the listed buildings and the contribution which this makes their special interests is considered to be limited and acceptable.

The proposal therefore meets the requirements of District Plan Policy DP34 and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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