

MEMORANDUM

From:	Built Heritage Officer		
Service	Green Infrastructure	App No:	252190 + 252191
Address:	St Crispins School, London Road, Wokingham, RG40 1SS.		
Proposal:	252190: Full application for the proposed installation of solar panels. 252191: Listed Building Consent for the proposed installation of solar panels.		
Heritage Asset:	St Crispins School - The original 1950s school buildings, to London Road, have since 1993 held grade II listed building status. Listed Buildings are classed as designated heritage assets under the NPPF (2024) and in the Council's Local Plan policies.		
Site Visit Made:	No.		

Summary Of Recommendations

Further details required as presently insufficient information to be able to adequately assess the impact to the significance and appearance of the designated heritage asset.

Comments On Proposal

From a heritage stance whilst in principle the proposal for roof mounted arrays of solar voltaic panels may well be acceptable, however presently there is believed to be insufficient details provided to be able to adequately assess the impact to the significance and appearance of the designated heritage asset.

The proposed layout drawing indicates two types of SV panels are intended however there are no specific details provided as to what these would be or how they are to be mounted. As such, it is not possible to be able to make an assessment as to whether the panels may be visible, not just from adjacent to buildings but also with respect to the medium and longer views.

Furthermore, as the buildings that would be affected hold listed building status there is no evidence to demonstrate the existing roofs, such as that of the hall, are physically capable of taking the additional loading to them without being modified in some manner. Additionally, given the nature of the proposals being applied for there is a lack of information concerning the associated supporting infrastructure required, including routing of cabling, switching units, control cabinets, etc. It is considered such information, along with details of the panels and mountings are required up

front, to be able to adequately assess the proposals properly and to ensure the avoidance of harm to significance.

Date:	09/10/25	Signed:	Keith Frost Built Heritage Officer
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