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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation, Alteration or Replacement of other Solar Photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the Roofs of Non-domestic Buildings

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 14, Class J

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	49
Suffix	
Property Name	Manchester Communication Primary Academy
Address Line 1	Parkstead Drive
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Manchester
Town/city	Manchester
Postcode	M9 5QN

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
385703	400814

Description

Applicant Details

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Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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Eligibility

Permitted development rights are subject to conditions set by legislation to ensure that only appropriate proposals are eligible. The need to apply to the Local Planning Authority to see if prior approval is required is one such condition.

The questions below will help determine if the proposals are eligible for this permitted development right.

Please specify the type of roof on which the solar photovoltaic equipment is to be installed:

- ☒ Flat
☐ Pitched

Would any part of the solar photovoltaic equipment be higher than 1 metre above the highest part of the roof (excluding any chimney)?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Would any part of the solar photovoltaic equipment come within 1 metre of the external edge of the roof?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Would the total electrical generation capacity of all the equipment installed on the building under permitted development rights (previously and in this proposal) total no more than 50 kilowatts?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Please note: This question was added to confirm proposals exceeded the 50 kilowatt 'microgeneration' threshold. A previous question on the total generation capacity exceeding 1 megawatt was removed after this limitation was lifted by government on 21 December 2023.

Would the solar photovoltaic equipment be installed on any part of the roof of a building that is:

- a scheduled monument (or the site contains one)
- a listed building (or within the curtilage of a listed building)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Please note: This question was updated to remove reference to installation on roof slopes fronting highways on Article 2(3) land after this limitation was lifted by government on 21 December 2023.

Description of Proposed Works

Please describe the proposed development:

Manchester Communication Primary Academy is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and becoming more sustainable. In alignment with this goal, the academy intends to install a 49kW rooftop Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panel system. This initiative aims to harness renewable energy to reduce electricity consumption sourced from the national grid, thereby contributing to energy efficiency and supporting the academy's journey towards achieving Net Zero targets

Objective:

1. Reduce Electricity Consumption: Implementing a rooftop Solar PV panel system to generate clean, renewable energy and offset a portion of the electricity consumed by Manchester Communication Primary Academy.
2. Promote Sustainability: Demonstrate the academy's commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability practices by utilizing renewable energy sources.
3. Cost Savings: Decrease electricity expenses over time by generating on-site solar power, thereby potentially reducing reliance on grid electricity and mitigating the impact of fluctuating energy prices.
4. Educational Opportunity: Utilize the installation as an educational tool for students, staff, and the wider community to raise awareness about renewable energy technologies and environmental stewardship.

Scope:

System Design and Installation: Engage qualified solar energy contractors to design and install a 49kW rooftop Solar PV panel system on the premises of Manchester Communication Primary Academy. The system design will consider factors such as roof orientation, available space, and energy requirements to maximize efficiency.

Monitoring and Maintenance: Implement a monitoring system to track energy generation and performance of the Solar PV panels. Establish a maintenance plan to ensure the longevity and optimal functioning of the system, including regular inspections and cleaning.

Educational Outreach: Develop educational materials and conduct workshops or informational sessions to engage students, teachers, and the wider community in understanding the benefits of solar energy and the importance of sustainability.

Regulatory Compliance: Obtain necessary permits and approvals from local authorities and comply with relevant regulations and building codes governing the installation of solar panel systems.

Expected Outcomes:

- Reduction in electricity consumption sourced from the national grid.
- Contribution towards the academy's sustainability goals and Net Zero targets.
- Potential long-term cost savings on electricity expenses.
- Enhanced educational opportunities and community engagement regarding renewable energy and environmental conservation.

Conclusion:

The installation of a rooftop Solar PV panel system at Manchester Communication Primary Academy represents a significant step towards achieving energy efficiency, sustainability, and environmental responsibility. By harnessing the power of solar energy, the academy aims to inspire its community and pave the way for a greener future.

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Roof mounted solar PV on non-domestic building as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.
I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.
I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:
- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Ashley Bullock

Date

19/02/2024