

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS ON LAND AT EB EQUIPMENT LTD., BARUGH GREEN ROAD, BARNSELY

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment) Order 2013 the submission of a Design and Access Statement is no longer a requirement for planning applications on sites of less than 1 hectare and / or create new floorspace in excess of 1,000m².
- 1.2 Whilst a Design and Access Statement is therefore not a statutory requirement for this application it has been considered appropriate to provide a report outlining the justification for the development at this site.

2.0 Development Proposal

- 2.1 The proposed development will be located within the curtilage of the existing industrial site at EB Equipment Ltd. on Barugh Green Road, Barnsley.
- 2.2 A family run, long established Yorkshire based firm, EB Equipment Ltd. operate singularly from the 4ha site on Barugh Green Road, with full in-house design and a 5500m² manufacturing facility.
- 2.3 The proposed works will comprise of erecting a number of solar panels on a small 0.15ha parcel of land. The panels will be organised in rows running east to west across the site.
- 2.4 The proposed layout of the solar panels is provided for reference:



Extract of Proposed Site Layout

3.0 Justification

- 3.1 The application site consists of a 0.15ha parcel of land that is maintained by the applicant but which does not have its own access and is not required currently for any other purpose.
- 3.2 For some time the business has been looking to be more efficient and reduce their energy costs by investing in renewable energy and this proposal provides the ideal opportunity.
- 3.3 The outcome of the development will not only benefit the business but also the local environment through the reduction of CO₂ emissions and the wider Barnsley area by demonstrating the town's commitment to energy efficiency.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 It is clear that the proposed works represent a sustainable form of development within this industrial location. The works would result in the development of a piece of land which cannot be utilised for any other purpose and ensure that it does not lie vacant. It will secure a suitable long term use which will be of benefit to the business, local environment and wider Barnsley area.
- 4.2 **For these reasons it is considered that planning permission for the proposed development should be granted.**