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Heritage Statement
Planning Application for new air source heat pumps and solar pv at Barnsley Town Hall.

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Introduction

1.1. En-Plan: Planning & Architecture have been instructed by Amaresco to apply for Planning Permission on behalf of Barnsley Council for the installation of air source heat pumps and solar PV at Barnsley Town Hall as part of the de-carbonisation project at the Council

1.2 This Heritage Statement will demonstrate how the application is fully planning policy compliant and how the scheme will preserve and enhance the character and setting of the locality.

Site and Surroundings

1.3 The site forms the roof of the Town Hall for the placement of the solar PV and an internal service courtyard where the heat pumps will be placed

Background to the Proposal

1.4 The application forms part of the de-carbonisation programme at the Council.

Use of the Application Site

1.5 The application site is a non residential institution.

Layout

1.6 The property is best described by its Listing:

"*SE3406NW BARNSLEY CHURCH STREET SE3406SW (west side), Barnsley 8/10 Town Hall including 9/10 attached railings GV II Town Hall and attached railings. 1933 by Briggs and Thornely of Liverpool. Portland stone, brick infill panels at rear. Classical style. 3 storeys plus basement to front due to sloping ground. 21 bays by 10 bays with 2 internal courtyards. Symmetrical facade of 8, 5 and 8 bays. The central 5 bays break forward and are surmounted by a tall square tower. Rusticated ground floor with band above. Central square-headed portal with dentilled cornice surmounted by anthemion acroteria and a central cartouche with scroll support. Foundation tablets to each side. A giant, Corinthian distyle in antis loggia with clasping pilasters to each side on 1st and 2nd floors of the central 5 bays. 3 tall round-arched windows with glazing bars to the back wall. Iron balustrade. The single square-headed window to each side has a small cornice on console brackets and a large panel above. Windows to other bays are 20-pane casements, with 16 panes to the smaller 2nd-floor windows. Deep frieze and cornice and deep parapet which is balustraded over the central 3 bays. The 3-stage reducing square tower sits on a square base with corner urns. The 1st stage has a large niche to each face, and in each is set a square-headed window with fluted Doric colonnettes supporting a full entablature with urns. Below the niche on the facade side is a relief of the Barnsley County Borough coat of arms with its supporters: a miner and a glass-blower. Corner urns surmount the 1st stage. A clock face to each side of the 2nd stage which has a Doric entablature with anthemion acroteria. The final stage has a triple group of slender lights, a deep, swagged frieze with acroteria and stepped blocking courses. The rear elevation has 5 central bays with a 1st and 2nd floor giant order of square piers and pilasters with ornamental capitals. The centre 3 bays form a loggia whose lower part (lst floor) is infilled with tripled windows. Other windows are casements as before. The left and right return*

elevations have 8 central bays and wide corner bays which break forward slightly and are framed at lst- and 2nd-floor levels by giant fluted Corinthian pilasters. lst-floor windows to corner bays have cornices, the rest are 16 and 20-pane casements as before."

History

1.7 The site has always been utilised as a Town Hall.

Connections

1.8 The site is adjoined on all sides by existing highways with Church Street to the east, St. Marys Place to the west, Sadler's gate to the north and Lancaster Gate to the south.

Form

1.9 As described in the listing statement above.

Scale and Massing

1.10 The scale and massing of the proposal will ensure it will not detract from the character and setting of the Town Hall.

Materials

1.11 As required to ensure workability of the scheme.

Style of Architecture

1.12 Not applicable.

Impact upon the Living Conditions of Neighbouring Residents

1.13 None in this respect due to the use of a flat roof.

Access and Parking

1.14 The proposed access and parking remains unchanged.

Mitigation Strategy

1.15 With regard to this the applicants will liaise with the Council to ensure the positioning and fixing of any plant does not impact upon the fabric of the Town Hall.

Impact upon the Character and Setting of the Conservation Area and World Heritage Site

1.16 With the above mitigation strategy and the programme of de-carbonisation of the Council this is an important part of producing green energy that will ensure the projection of the wider world with no impact upon the fabric of this important Listed Building.

Conclusions

1.17 The proposal will produce clean energy with no detrimental impact upon the character and setting of Barnsley Town Hall.