BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

Place Directorate
Regeneration and Assets
Planning, Policy, and Building Control

UTHORITY UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
DELEGATED POWERS

Application Reference	2026/0789
Site address	Barnsley District General Hospital, Gawber Road, Old Town, Barnsley, S75 2EP
Description of Development	Installation of a solar PV carport canopy within the existing car park (Prior Approval)
Case Officer	Louis Bailey
RECOMMENDATION	Prior Approval - Not Required
Date of Recommendation	11/11/2026

Senior Officer/Group Leader Declaration

I certify that in my opinion, the determination of the application is in accordance with the National Scheme of Delegation.

This is a Schedule 1 Application. By virtue of Regulation 4 Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026, it must be dealt with under delegated powers.

Delegation and Recommendation Authorised by:

Name: **xxxxxx** **Date: xxxxxx**

	Please tick Schedule 1 category and/or Council Interest Application.	√
1	An application for certificates of appropriate alternative development S17(1) of the Land Compensation Act 1961	
2	Certificate of lawfulness of proposed work S 26H(1) of the Listed Buildings Act	
3	A householder application.	
4	A minor commercial application (*application for development of an existing building or part of a building currently in use for any of the purposes falling within Part A of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987.* *PART A* ***Class A1**. Shops. Use for all or any of the following purposes—* ***(a)** for the retail sale of goods other than hot food,*	

	(b)** as a post office,* ***(c)** for the sale of tickets or as a travel agency,* ***(d)** for the sale of sandwiches or other cold food for consumption off the premises,* ***(e)** for hairdressing,* ***(f)** for the direction of funerals,* ***(g)** for the display of goods for sale,* ***(h)** for the hiring out of domestic or personal goods or articles,* *(**I**)for the reception of goods to be washed, cleaned or repaired, where the sale, display or service is to visiting members of the public.* ***Class A2**. Financial and professional services. Use for the provision of* ***(a)** financial services, or* ***(b)** professional services (other than health or medical services), or* ***(c)** any other services (including use as betting office) which it is appropriate to provide in a shopping area, where services are provided principally to visiting members of public.* ***Class A3**. Food and drink* *Use for the sale of food or drink for consumption on the premises or of hot food for consumption off the premises.* ***Does not include applications that involve a change of use, a change to the number of units in a building, or development that is not wholly at ground floor level or that would increase the gross internal area of a building)	
5	A minor residential application (*application for planning permission for development that* ***(I)**includes only dwellings and development for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of dwellings,* ***(ii)** comprises at least one but not more than nine dwellings, and* ***(iii)** is to be carried out on a site having an area smaller than 0.5 hectares)*	
6	An application for permission in principle	
7	An application under section 73(1) of TCPA 1990 where the original planning permission was a Schedule 1 planning permission.	
8	An application made under section 96A(4) of TCPA 1990 (non-material changes to planning permission or permission in principle)	
9	In respect of a planning obligation that the authority concerned considers is connected with a Schedule 1 approval **(a)** a request to agree to modify or discharge that obligation under section 106A(1)(a) of TCPA 1990 (modification and discharge of planning obligations) **(b)** an application to modify or discharge that obligation under section 106A(3) of TCPA1990 (modification and discharge of planning obligations	
10	An application made under section 191(1) of TCPA 1990 (certificate of lawfulness of existing use or development)	
11	An application made under section 192(1) of TCPA 1990 (certificate of lawfulness of proposed use or development	
12	Submission of a biodiversity gain plan under para 13(2)(a) of Schedule 7A to TCPA 1990	
13	A reserved matters approval application in respect of an outline planning permission other than a large outline permission (*a 'large outline planning permission' means an outline planning permission which permits development involving either or both of-* ***(a)**the provision of 500 or more dwellings;* ***(b**)the provision of a building or buildings where the floorspace to be created by the development is 50,000 square metres or more)*	
14	An application made under article 27(1) of DMPO (discharge of condition).	
15	An application pursuant to provision in Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (**j**) for **(a)** prior approval, or **(b)** determination as to whether prior approval is required.	√
16	Council Interest application i.e. submitted by the Council, Councillor or Council officer	

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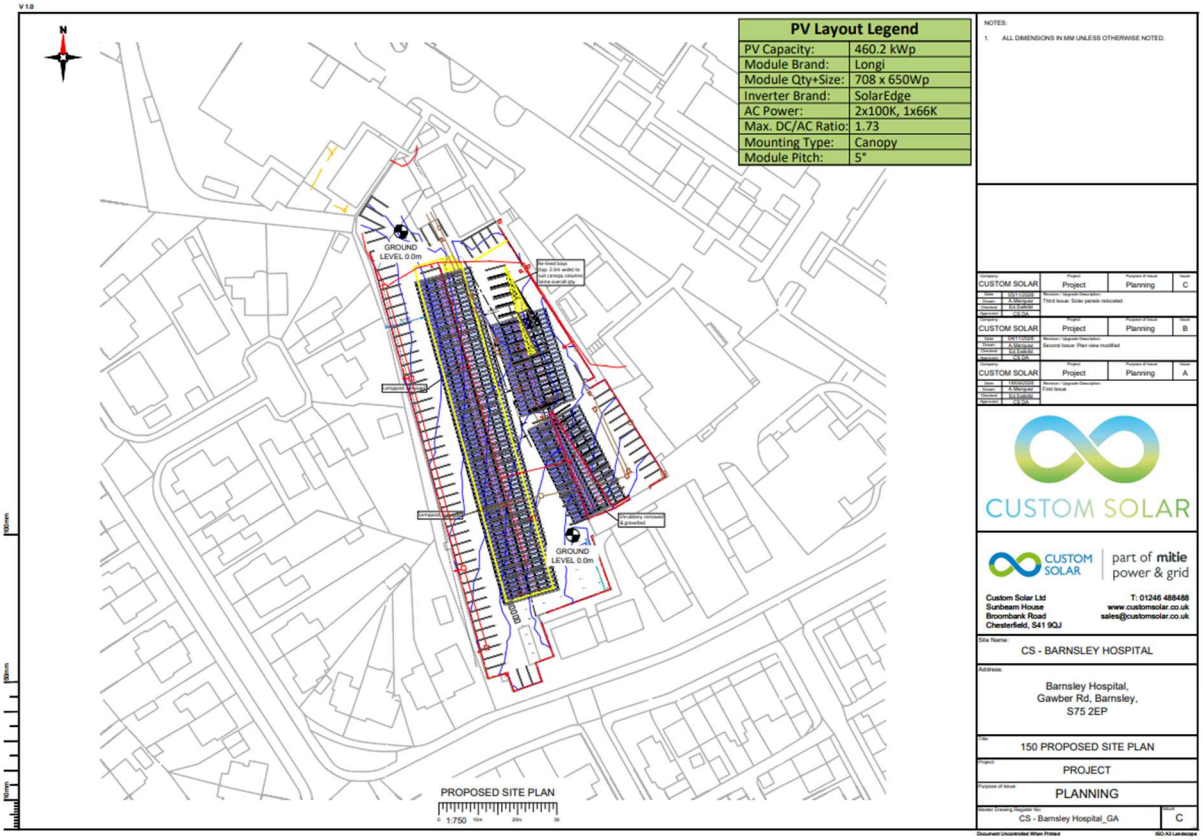
Introduction: Installation of a solar PV carport canopy within the existing car park (Prior Approval)

Relevant Site Characteristics

The site is the car park located to the southwest corner of Barnsley District General Hospital. Hospital buildings are located to the north, east and south of the site along with some small, grassed areas. Dwellings are located to the west of the site and are screened by fencing. Pogmoor Road is located to the south of the site.

Detailed description of Proposed Works

The proposal includes the installation of a solar PV carport canopy within the existing car park. The canopy has been proposed to not exceed 4 metres in height and not be within 10 metres of the curtilage of a dwelling.



Consultations

The application has been advertised in accordance with Section OA.2 (4) of Part 14 Class OA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). No representations have been received.

Planning Assessment

Part 14 Renewable Energy
Class OA - installation etc of a solar canopy on non-domestic, off-street parking

Permitted development

OA. The installation, alteration or replacement of a solar canopy within an area lawfully used as off-street parking other than for a dwellinghouse or a block of flats

Development not permitted

OA.1. Development is not permitted by Class OA—

(a)if any part of the development—

(i)exceeds 4 metres in height above ground level;

(ii)is within 10 metres of the curtilage of a dwellinghouse or a block of flats;

(b)within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse or a block of flats;

(c)on a site designated as a scheduled monument or on land within the curtilage of a scheduled monument;

(d)within the curtilage of a listed building;

(e)for the display of an advertisement; or

(f)if the off-street parking area is in use by virtue of Class B (temporary use of land) of Part 4 (temporary buildings and uses).

Conditions

OA.2.—(1) Development is permitted by Class OA subject to the following conditions.

(2) In the case of development above a permeable surface, provision is made to direct run-off water from the solar canopy to a permeable or porous area or surface within the off-street parking area.

(3) Before beginning development, the developer must apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority will be required with respect to—

(a)the solar canopy's siting, design and external appearance, in particular the impact of glare on the occupiers of neighbouring premises; and

(b)in the case of a solar canopy on article 2(3) land, the impact of the appearance of the solar canopy on that land.

(4) Paragraphs J.4(3) to J.4(12) of this Part apply in relation to an application under sub-paragraph (3) as if "Class OA" substitutes the reference to "Class J" in paragraph J.4(4).

(5) Development must be completed within a period of 3 years starting with the date on which—

(a)prior approval is given; or

(b)a determination that such approval is not required is given or the period for giving such a determination set out in paragraph J.4(9)(c) of this Part has expired without the applicant being notified whether prior approval is required, given or refused.

(6) Where the solar canopy is no longer needed, it is removed as soon as reasonably practicable and the land is restored to its condition before the development took place so far as reasonably practicable.**]**

<u>Assessment</u>

The proposed solar canopy on off-street parking falls within the parameters of Class OA of Part 14 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), as outlined above. The proposal does not exceed 4 metres in height and is not within 10 metres of the curtilage of a dwellinghouse. A glare and glint assessment has been provided which details the proposal would not introduce an unacceptable impact towards the surrounding residential dwellings.

No objections have been received in relation to glaring, overshadowing or loss of outlook or the scale, design of the proposed solar canopy and as such the application is approved.

Planning Balance and Conclusion

For the reasons given above, and taking all other matters into consideration, the proposal falls within the parameters and conditions of the installation etc of a solar canopy on non-domestic, off-street parking as set out in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and permission should be granted subject to necessary conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve subject to conditions

Justification

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 35 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 2015

The initially proposed site plans placed the canopy within 10 metres of the curtilage of the dwellings to the west of the site. Amendments were therefore requested to increase the distance to the boundaries. An amended plan was received on the 5th of November 2026.

Due regard has been given to Article 8 and Protocol 1 of Article 1 of the European Convention for Human Rights Act 1998 when considering objections, the determination of the application and the resulting recommendation. it is considered that the recommendation will not interfere with the applicant's and/or any objector's right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.