

16 Elsworthy Road – Design & Access Statement

Design Statement

The property on top of which the solar plant is proposed to be installed is a 3-story maisonette, semi-detached late Victorian house, located in the Elsworthy Road Conservation Area. It is currently undergoing refurbishment and will be occupied by its owner and applicant, a family with 2 young children. The aim of the proposed works is to produce energy from solar panels.

Sustainability and the use of renewable energy, as encouraged in the planning policies (PPS1) and Camden's adopted UDP, has become a major issue due to the current debate about climate change. The proposed installation would generate, according to the system's supplier and installer, Chelsfield Solar Ltd. a total of approximately 3,200 KWh of clean electricity per year and save over 1,370kg of carbon dioxide.

The environmental benefit of the installation has to be carefully balanced with the visual impact of the proposed plant, as the property lies in the Elsworthy Conservation Area. The panels, which are 481mm high and angled at 10 degrees towards South, are set back from the front façade to such an extent that the top of the panel would not be visible from street level about 72 metres away, thereby rendering them virtually invisible from any pedestrian viewpoint.

Access statement

Due to the nature of the proposal, and the fact that not only are there no alterations proposed to the current access arrangements but also this being a private domestic property, it is felt that the requirements for these considerations in this case do not apply.

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