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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	
Suffix	
Property Name	Hopwood Hall College
Address Line 1	Rochdale Road
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Rochdale
Town/city	Middleton
Postcode	M24 6XH

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

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
387605	408057

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Joanne

Surname

Bentley

Company Name

Hopwood Hall College

Address

Address line 1

Hopwood Hall College

Address line 2

Rochdale Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Middleton

County

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

M24 6XH

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Agent Details

Name/Company

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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:

The proposed development comprises the installation of a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) system at Hopwood Hall College, Rochdale Road, Middleton, Manchester, M24 6XH. The system is intended to generate renewable electricity for on-site consumption, reducing the College's reliance on grid-supplied electricity and contributing towards its carbon reduction objectives.

The installation will consist of photovoltaic modules mounted on a variety of existing roof structures across the site. On suitable flat roof areas, the modules will be installed using a FlatFix Fusion east-west mounting system, providing a low-profile, ballasted solution designed to maximise generation capacity whilst minimising visual impact. On standing seam metal roofs, the modules will be installed using a Clenergy standing seam mounting system, which attaches directly to the roof seams without penetrating the roof covering. On pitched (trap) roofs, the modules will be mounted using the ClickFit EVO roof mounting system, securely fixed to the existing roof structure.

Associated works will include the installation of mounting frames, photovoltaic modules, inverters, DC and AC cabling, isolators, generation metering equipment and all AC electrical infrastructure necessary for the safe operation of the system. Equipment will be located within existing plant areas or internal service locations where practicable.

The proposed solar PV arrays have been designed in accordance with the requirements of Class J, Part 14 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The panels will remain within the permitted dimensional limits, will be set back from roof edges as required, and have been designed to minimise visual impact on the surrounding area whilst maximising renewable energy generation.

The development does not involve a change of use, does not increase the building footprint, and is solely intended to provide renewable energy generation for the existing educational establishment. The proposed works are considered ancillary to the existing use of the site and are intended to improve the environmental performance of the College's buildings.

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

Paul Carter

Date

18/08/2026