

Conservation Response.

Date: 24/10/2023.

File/Application ref: HPK/2023/0363.

Case Officer: Rachel Robinson.

Proposal: 'Installation of 144 no. solar panels on the roof of the leisure centre building. Installation of a packaged plant room and evaporator decks on the ground floor of the multi storey car park, with pipework between the packaged plant and leisure centre main building (partially trenched)'.

Site Address: Buxton Leisure Centre, St Johns Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6BJ.

Dear Rachel,

No objection.

The Buxton leisure centre is enveloped by highly significant heritage assets making for a sensitive vicinity. The assets include but are not limited to:

- Pavilion Gardens RPG. Grade II*.
- The Octagonal*. Grade II.
- Pavilion Suite and Attached Railings. Grade II.
- The Central Hall and Attached Promenade. Grade II.
- The Opera House. Grade II*.
- Cranford. Grade II.
- Bridge over River Wye. Grade II.

The proposal sees a solar array focused at the flat portion of the roof of the swimming pool. The topography of the land here is such that there will be limited intervisibility into and across the site. The mature greenery and shrubs to the north of the site create a visual buffer between St Johns Road and the vicinity.

The array is not ground mounted and is seen to pose no harm on the Pavilion Gardens RPG. Further, I do not assess there will be harm imposed on the Octagonal (also known as the Octagon*). These two elements are considered primary in this instance due to the immediate proximity.

Regards,

E Holland.
Principal Conservation Officer.