

Design & Access Statement

Installation of 40 PV solar panels @ Posh Paws, Hill View, Stubton Road, Claypole, NG23 5BP

This statement is to be read alongside the planning application including the installation of a small array of 40 PV solar panels on private land associated with Hill View, Stubton Road, Claypole.

- The applicant wishes to install a small array, consisting of 40 PV panels, to support the needs of her dog and cat boarding business. This will significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the business over time.
- There are no listed properties within the curtilage of Hill View, nor within a 1 mile radius of the site. The site is not in a conservation area, an AONB or an ecological point of interest.
- The area of the PV array is approximately 24m x 3.4m. Please see drawings.
- The placing of these panels in a chosen location will mean that they will minimise the visual impact on the surrounding countryside, as they will sit on land close to the cat and dog exercise area at Hill View.
- The position has also been chosen to reduce the amount of cabling required to enable the panels, and to maximise the energy effectiveness of the panels when in use.
- The PV panels will not impact any potential visits from dogs, or any grazing by livestock on the land.
- The PV panels would not be seen from the public highway being set back from the road and with high hedges to screen, and as such present no immediate visual harm. Please see attached location and site plan for details.
- Alongside this, the careful siting of this array will not impact the applicants' kennel/cattery business neither materially nor in terms of access, maintenance or noise.

- There are no trees or hedges on or in the immediate area surrounding the proposal site, so there will be no detrimental impact to local wildlife, and this will also mean the PV array will not be subject to potential damage from branches or hedgerows.
- Once the cable is laid, all land shall be returned to its natural state immediately.
- The proposal does not contribute to noise or light pollution in the surrounding area.
- The panels are 'non-permanent' and can be removed once the PV system is no longer in operation, therefore removing the need for deep foundations and excavation work to install.
- During installation, taking approximately 2 days, contractors will utilise existing access and parking to minimise/eliminate disruption to highways and pedestrian footways.
- As the panels have no moving parts, they will be maintenance free and therefore negates the need for visits to the PV panel area.
- The proposed site is on private land so will not be accessible by the public. All parts are to manufacturers safety standards and present no issues from a safety perspective.

Image showing Limited view taken from the East towards Claypole.
Site on right of photo



Image taken from West toward Stubton, showing limited views of the proposal site.
Site on left of photo



Aerial image of site, showing proposed position of PV panels



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