

Planning Statement for St Peter's Parish Hall Market Bosworth Cv130LL

Introduction:

St Peter's Parish Hall is situated on Park Street, Market Bosworth. The facility is used 7 days a week by the community for a wide variety of events from language course, baby training, yoga and fitness sessions through to jazz evenings. It is a non-profit venue for the whole community.

The Proposal:

The Church of England would like all church properties to stop using gas by 2030. To comply with this request, we would like to install 2 air conditioning units to provide heat in winter and, just as important, cooling in our hotter summers. It would also make sense to use the extensive rear roof, which is hidden from view, to install 39 solar panels. Our aim is to be largely self-supporting for electricity as we strive for net-zero emissions.

Planning History:

The Parish Hall was renovated and extended about 14 years ago. The original building dates from the 1930's and this is area where air conditioning and solar panels will be fitted.

Policy Context:

We recognise Market Bosworth is a conservation area and care has been taken to ensure that the proposals are largely hidden from view. Noise will be minimal and should this be contested, we would be prepared to fit acoustic enclosures.

Planning Assessment:

Our proposals comply with local regulations, (see pre-planning application), and are completely supportive of environmental and community concerns.

Summary:

Our plans ensure that the Parish Hall is as environmentally friendly as possible and provides the best possible space for community use for many years to come. The pre-planning application confirms that our proposals are acceptable in a conservation area.