

REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION NO: 21/00812/PDS

APPLICANT: IBL Cold Stores

WARD AFFECTED: Northwood

DEVELOPMENT: PRIOR APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS (PV) TO EXISTING ROOF

LOCATION OF SITE: IBL Cold Stores, Acornfield Road, Knowsley Industrial Park, Kirkby, Knowsley L33 7YX

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATION –

Primary Industrial Area

RELEVANT POLICIES

General Permitted Development Order (2015) (as Amended)

ARTICLE 35

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

PLANNING HISTORY

Numerous applications have been approved at the site, however, none are directly relevant to the current application.

TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS:

N/A

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The application has been publicised by letters sent to 14 neighbours. No representations have been received.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

PROPOSAL

Prior Approval for the installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaics (PV) to existing roof.

GPDO 2015

The application complies with the requirements of Class J - Part 14 of the GPDO 2015 (as amended).

The solar panels would not protrude more than 0.2 metres beyond the roof slope and would not be over 1 metre higher than the existing roof height, they would also not be within 1 metre away from the external edge of the roof. The capacity of the solar panels is less than 1 megawatt (800 Kilowatts).

Design and External Appearance

The panels are acceptable in design and appearance and will not cause harm to the character of the building or the visual amenity of the wider area. There would be no harm to neighbouring occupiers from glare.

CONCLUSION

The development complies with the requirements of Class J of Part 14 of the GPDO 2015 (as amended).

Therefore, it is considered that prior approval is required and approved in accordance with the provisions of the GPDO.

RECOMMENDATION:

The applicant be informed that under the terms of Class J (Part 14) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (As Amended) prior approval is required and approved.

SCHEDULE 1

Date Received	Ref. No	Version	Drawing/Document Title
12/10/2021	-	-	PV Module Glare Info Sheet
12/10/2021	-	-	Example Photo
12/10/2021	-	-	Proposed Aerial Plan
12/10/2021	-	-	Site Plan
12/10/2021	-	-	Q Cells Data Sheet
12/10/2021	-	-	Location Plan
12/10/2021	-	-	Cover Letter

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