Hampshire County Council
Director of Economy, Transport & Environment

Applicant: Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd

Lawful Use Certificate: Panels on roof of school building providing renewable energy for the school at Riders Junior School, Kingsclere Avenue
Havant Hampshire PO9 4RY (No. APP/12/00762)

(Received: 16 July 2012)

General

An application has been made under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

120 square meters of solar panels have been erected on the pitched roof of a building on the Riders Junior and Infant School site. The solar panels are mounted on the roof to lie flush. The development will have a generation capacity of 16.92 kilowatts (kW), which is similar to the energy requirements of approximately 6 houses, and will result in a saving of approximately 8,500kg in CO_2 emissions per annum.

Development Plan

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2010. Part 32 – Schools, colleges, universities and hospitals. Class A - The erection, extensions or alteration of a school, college, university or hospital building.

Consultations

Havant Borough Council	Have been consulted, no comments received.
Councillor Buckley	Fully supports the work undertaken.
Councillor Fairhurst	Has been made aware of the application, no comments received.

Commentary

It is considered that the solar panels which have been erected on the Riders Junior School site fall within the permitted development thresholds stated within Part 32 Class A. Therefore express planning permission would not be required.

Recommendation

That the certificate be granted subject to the First Schedule and Second Schedule:

Reason for Approval

The development hereby permitted has been carried out in accordance with the plans submitted and therefore meet the thresholds stated within Part 32 Class A of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2010 therefore express planning permission would not be required.

First Schedule

Certificate of existing use for Solar panels on school roof providing renewable energy for the School.

Second Schedule

Riders Junior and Infant School, Kingsclere Avenue, Havant, PO9 4RY.

Case Officer ……..
Kristina King

Date……30/08/2012……

Authorised on behalf of the Director of the Economy, Transport & Environment

……P Chadwick……

Date…30/08/2012…….

Annexe to Reasons for Approval of Certificate (as required by Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010)

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2010

Part 32 – Schools, Colleges, Universities and Hospitals

Class A

Permitted Development
A. The erection, extension or alteration of a school, college, university or hospital building.

Development not permitted
A1. Development is not permitted by Class A –

(a) if the cumulative gross floor space of any buildings erected, extended or altered would exceed –
  (i) 25% of the gross floor space of the original school, college, university or hospital buildings; or
  (ii) 100 square metres,
  whichever is the lesser;

(b) if any part of the development would be within five metres of a boundary of the cartilage of the premises;

(c) if, as a result of the development, any land used as a playing field at any time in the five years before the development commenced and remaining in this use could no longer be so used;

(d) if the height of any new building as extended would exceed five metres;

(e) if the height of the building as extended or altered would exceed –
  (i) if within ten metres of a boundary of the cartilage of the premises, five metres; or
  (ii) in all other cases,, the height of the building being extended or altered;

(f) if the development would be within the curtilage of a listed building; or

(g) unless –
  (i) in the case of school, college or university buildings, the predominant use of the existing buildings on the premises is for the provision of education;
  (ii) in the case of hospital buildings, the predominant use of the existing buildings on the premises is for the provision of any medical or health services.