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Planning Department
North Yorkshire Moors National Park
The Old Vicarage
Bondgate
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS TO ROOFS OF EXISTING FARM
BUILDING AT MIDDLEWOOD FARM, FYLINGTHORPE**

Please find enclosed a planning application for the development described above. This letter has been prepared to set out the Design and Access principals of the proposed development.

The proposed development seeks full planning consent for the installation of roof mounted solar pv panels. The development totals the installation of 211 No. solar pv panels to the roofs of the existing agricultural building.

Middlewood Farm operates as a mixed arable and dairy farming business. The farming business has a requirement for large volumes of electricity useage within the milking parlour and milk cooling equipment and from grain drying operations.

The purpose of the proposed development is to provide a renewable electricity source to supply the existing farm business, and the proposal will also provide a diversified income for the farming business through the Governments feed in tariff system for renewable energy production.

Amount of Development

The amount of development includes the installation of 211 panels in total. The proposed development will produce a 50 kw peak, producing approximately 40,000 kwh of electricity per annum.

Use

The use of the development will be solar electricity generation.

Layout

The layout of the development is shown on the site plan. The layout includes 211 solar pv panel fixed to the existing roof sheets on 4 No. existing agricultural buildings.



Scale

The scale of the development is 211 No. 1650mm x 994mm solar pv panels.

Landscaping

The proposed development is well screened within the landscape by existing buildings, mature hedgerows and trees. The development will not be visually prominent from public vantage points. The panels are non reflective material in dark grey.

Appearance

The proposed development includes solar panels, mounted on the existing roof sheets.

Vehicular Access & Transport Links

During construction, the proposal will be accessed using an existing farm entrance. Following construction, there is no requirement for vehicular access.

Kind Regards

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