



Emailed to: planning@newport.gov.uk

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Dear Guy Arnall,

Site: Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Godfrey Road, Newport, South Wales, NP20 4UR

Ref: 25/1017

The Twentieth Century Society is the National Amenity Society charged with the protection and appreciation of post-1914 heritage. We are writing regarding the above listed building consent application for the *installation of 70no. 500W PV panels, 1no. 25KW inverter, 35no. optimisers and accompanying electrical distribution system* to the Grade II*-listed Newport Civic Centre.

There is a clear public benefit that results from the introduction of renewable energy sources and the society does not object in principle to the installation of rooftop mounted PV panels on the roof of the civic centre.

The installation of PV panels, as proposed on the roof of the Civic Centre, does cause some harm to the Grade II*-listed building. The **Design and Access report** states that the photovoltaic panels will be 'relatively concealed behind high parapets' and will be 'screened from any surrounding public vantage points', however nothing provided within the report enables us to assess this. Photographs included within the report show the view of the roof but we would like to see these including the proposed panels, in order to judge their visual impact.

We do suggest that the proposed PV panels should be fully reversible should the technology become redundant in the future.

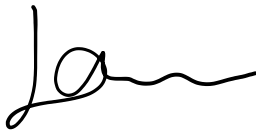
We now defer to the conservation officer to decide whether the level of harm to the Grade II*-listed building is outweighed by the public benefit.

We hope that these comments are of use to you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further advice. We would be grateful if the Society could be informed of your decision.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Mark', with a stylized, flowing script.

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