

**DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

Applicant's Name: GLENSTAL ABBEY TRUST

Applicant's Address: GLENSTAL ABBEY  
MURROE  
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Telephone No. [REDACTED]

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Location of Proposed development (Please include EIRCODE):

Coordinates 52.662049, -8.388061

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V94 A725 / V94 TK 61

Description of Proposed development:

48 Solar panels secured to lower flat roof of library

THE HEIGHT OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION IS LESS THAN

50CMS SURROUNDING WALL ON FLAT ROOF

Section of Exempted Development Regulations and/or section of the Act under which exemption is claimed: THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (2000) (EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT) (No. 3) REGULATIONS 2022 AND SUPPORTING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SOLAR SAFEGUARDING ZONE) REGULATIONS 2022

Is this a Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure.

YES/NO

Applicant's interest in site: OWNER

List of plans, drawings, etc. submitted with this application:

Site Location Map

Site Plan

Existing Building - this includes a layout

of solar panels on the flat roof

Have any previous extensions/structures been erected at this location YES/NO

If Yes please provide floor areas of all existing structures:

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Signature of Applicant (or Agent)



**NOTES:** Application must be accompanied by:

- (a) Fee of €80
- (b) Site location map
- (c) Site layout plan
- (d) Dimensioned plans and elevations of the structure and any existing structures.
- (e) Where the declaration is in respect of a farm building, a layout identifying the use of each existing building together with floor area of each building.

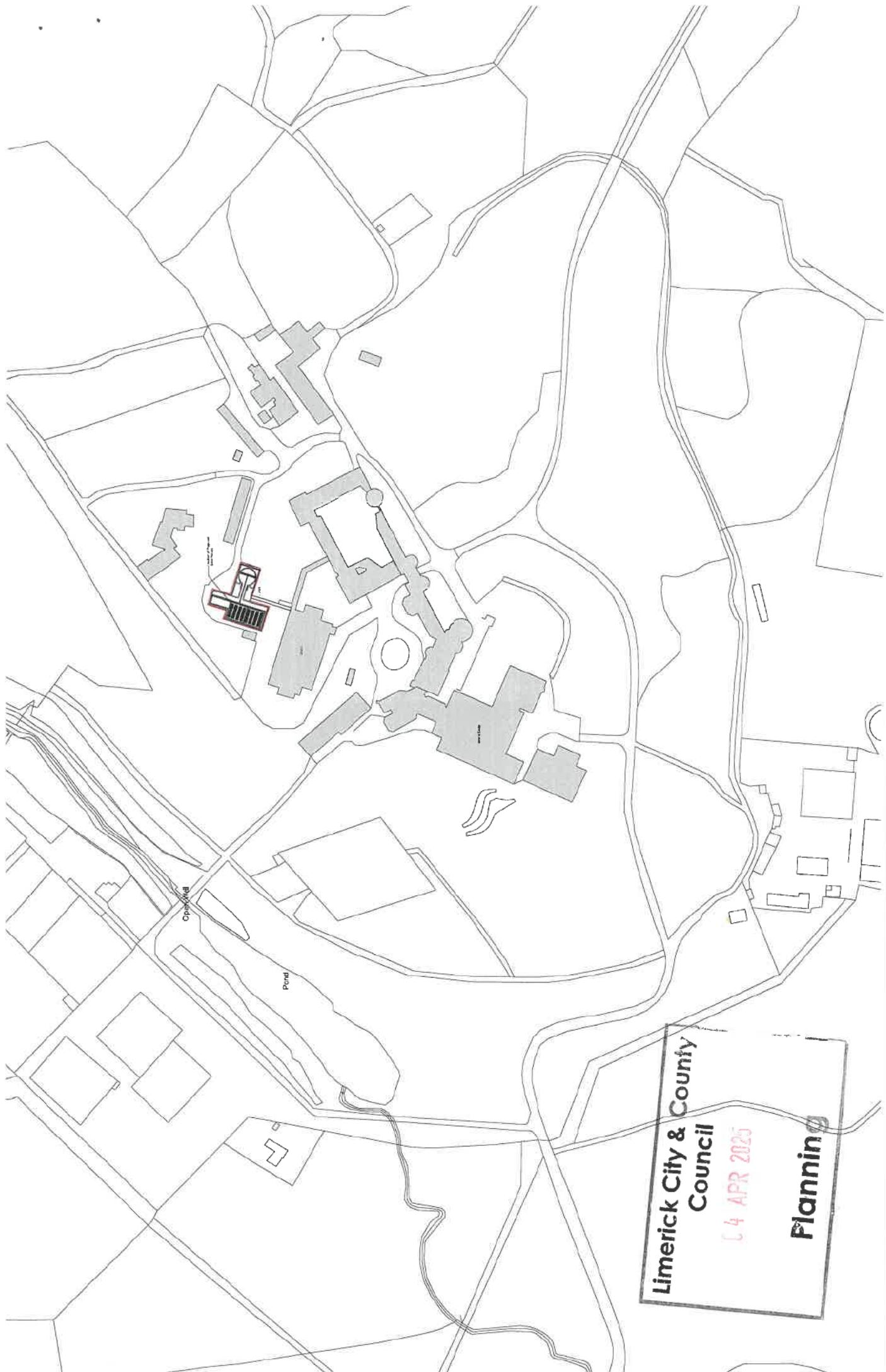
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Application to be forwarded to:

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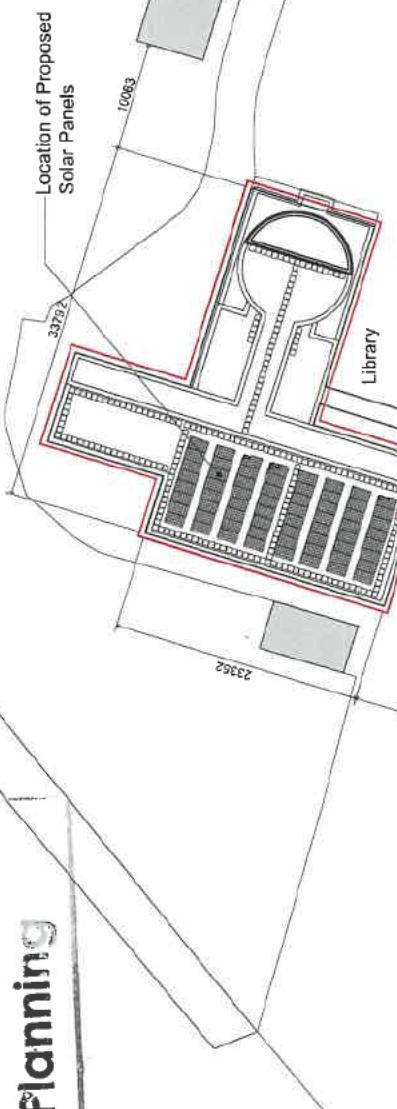
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Project: Glensdall Abbey

Job No: 20-1953-C

Int'l: Existing Site Layout

Model: LEADER Application

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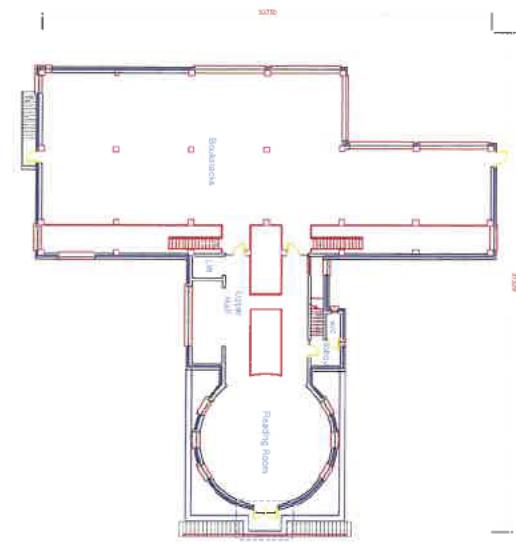
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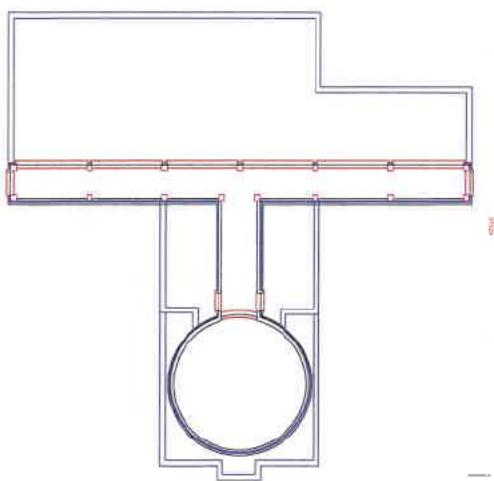
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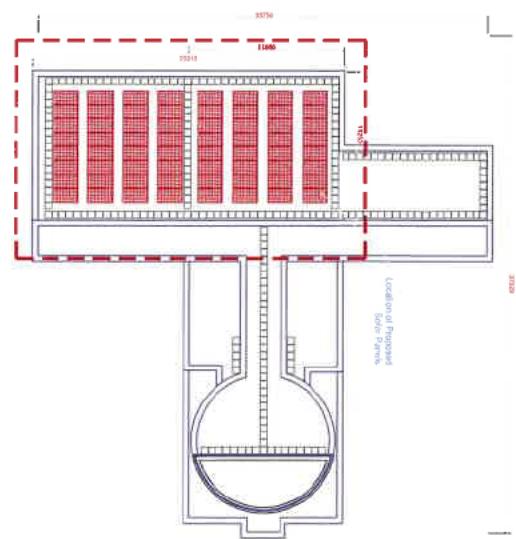
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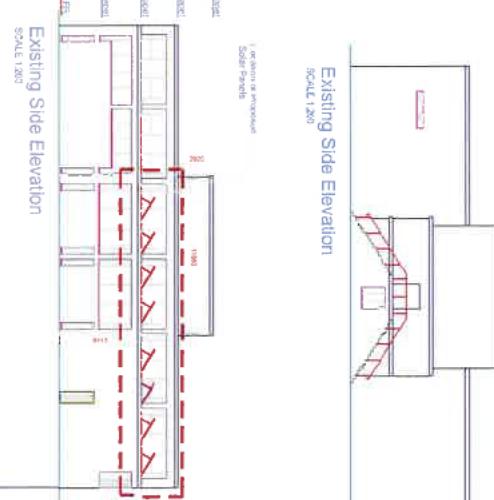
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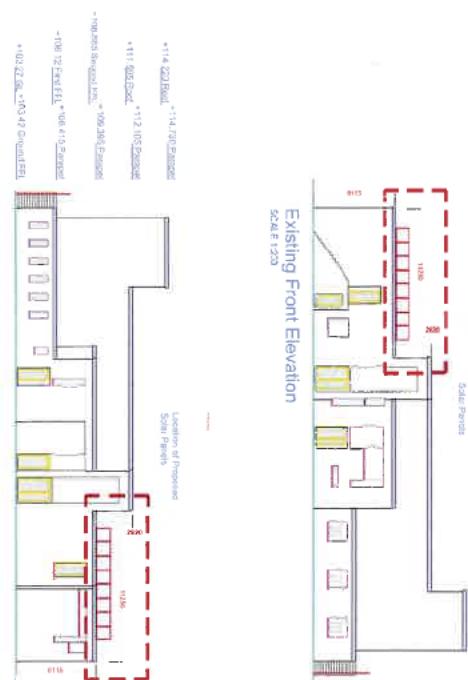
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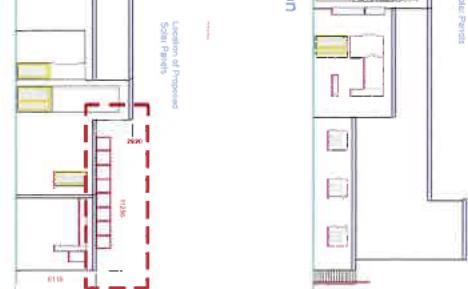
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Existing Rear Elevation  
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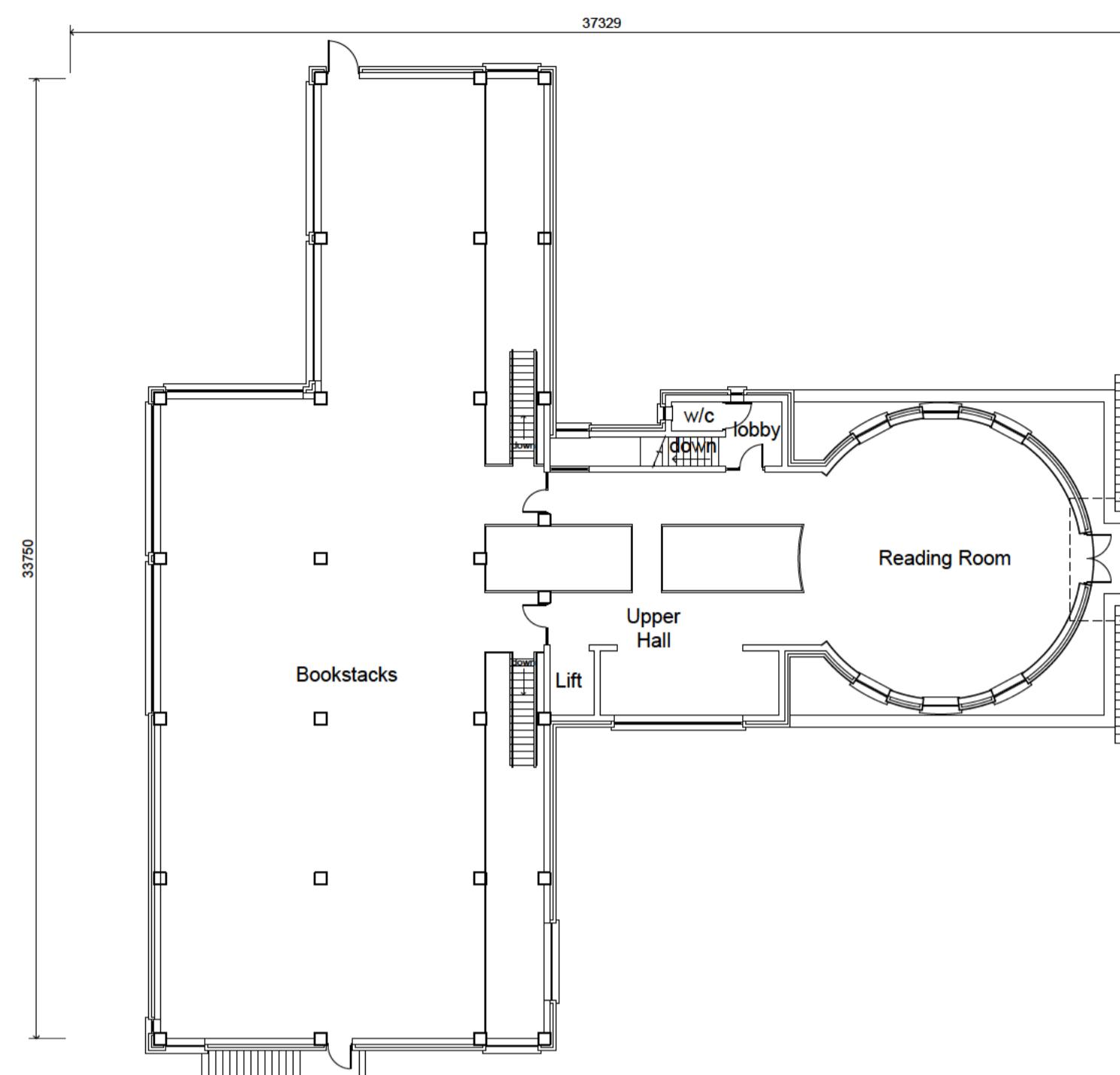


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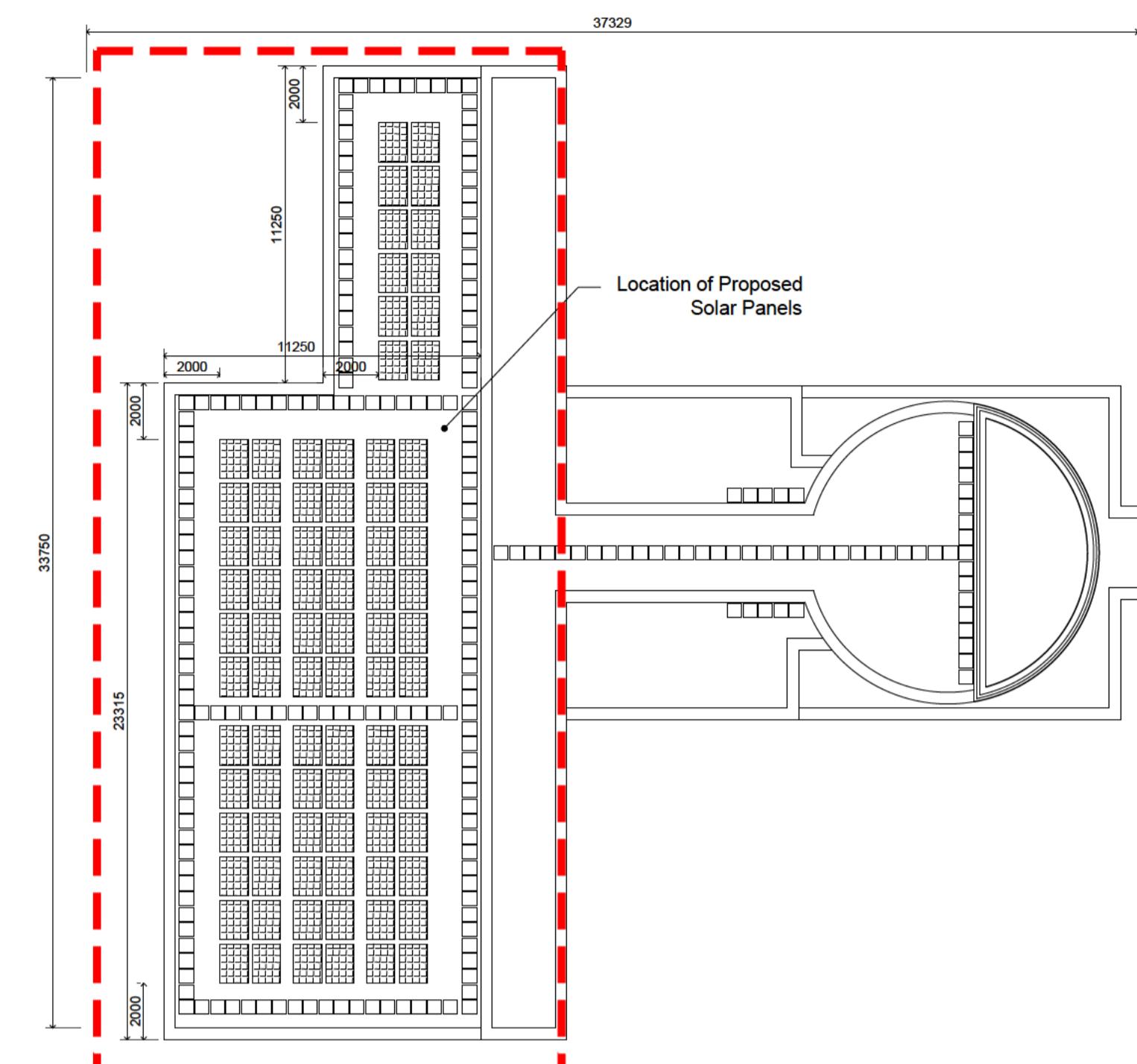
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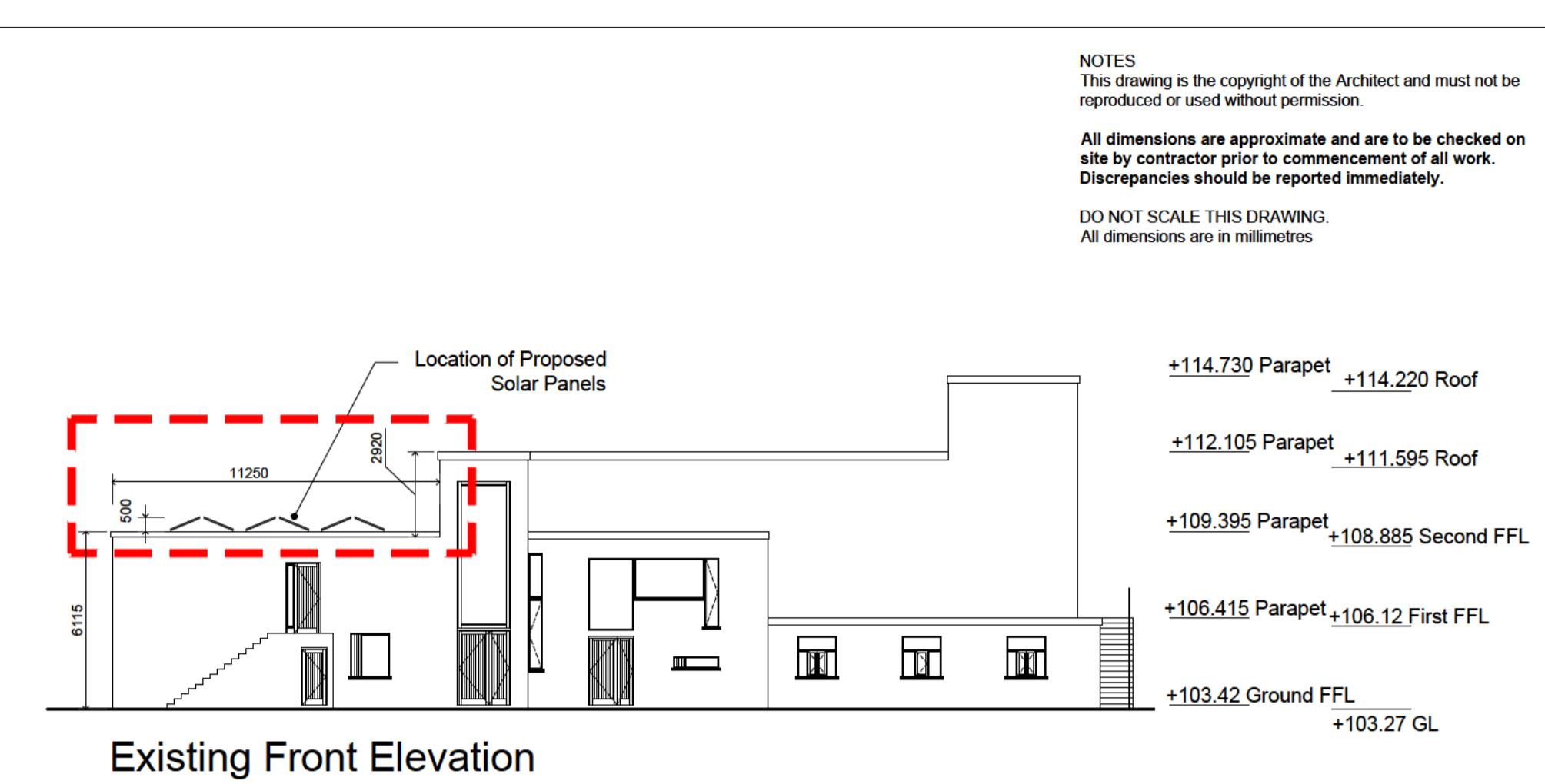
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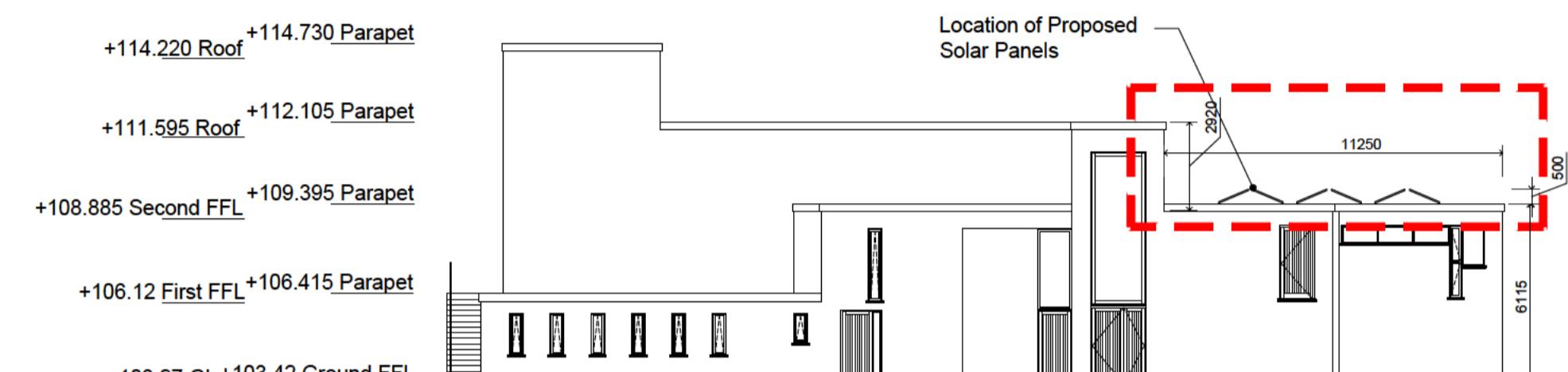
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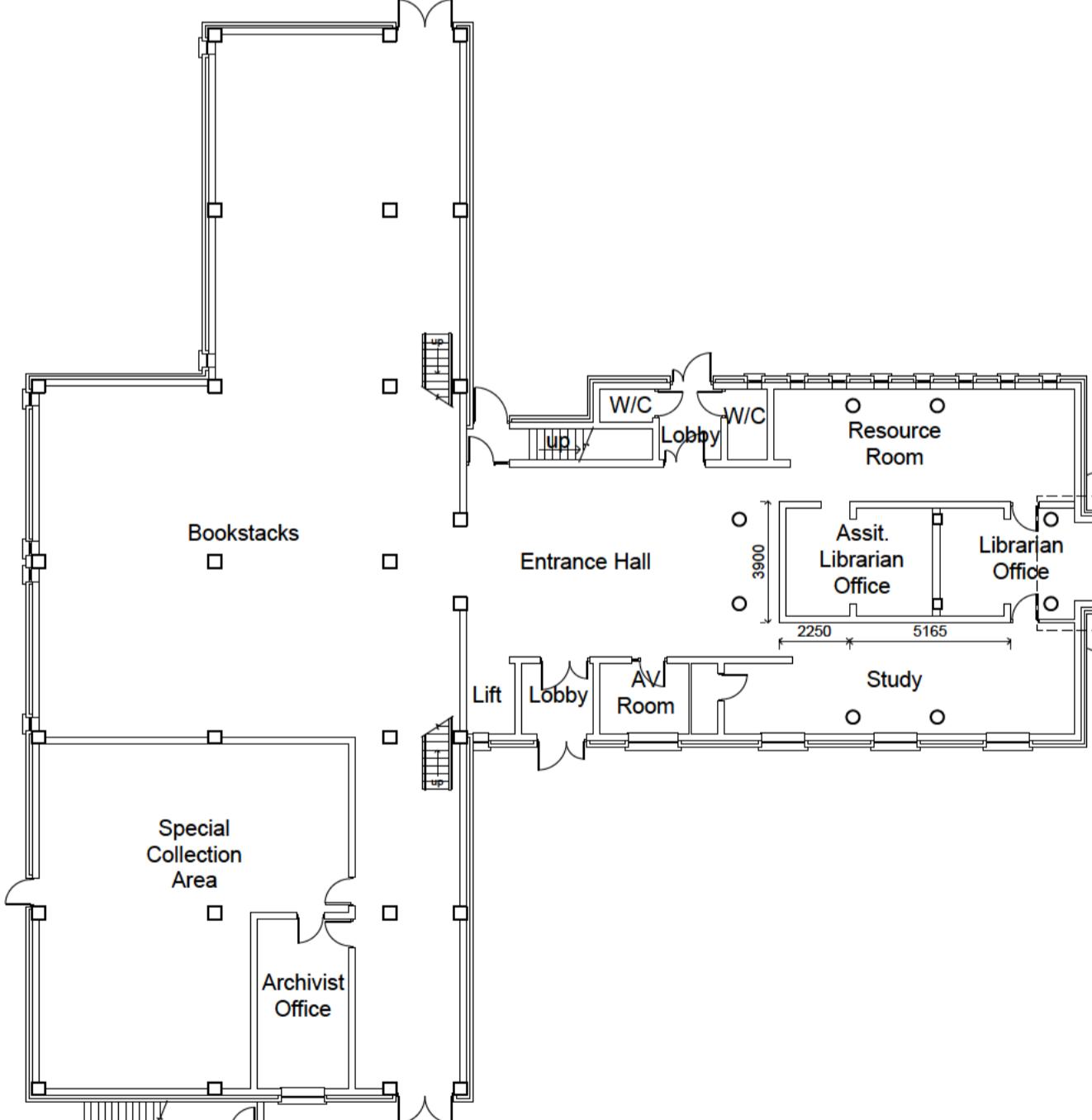
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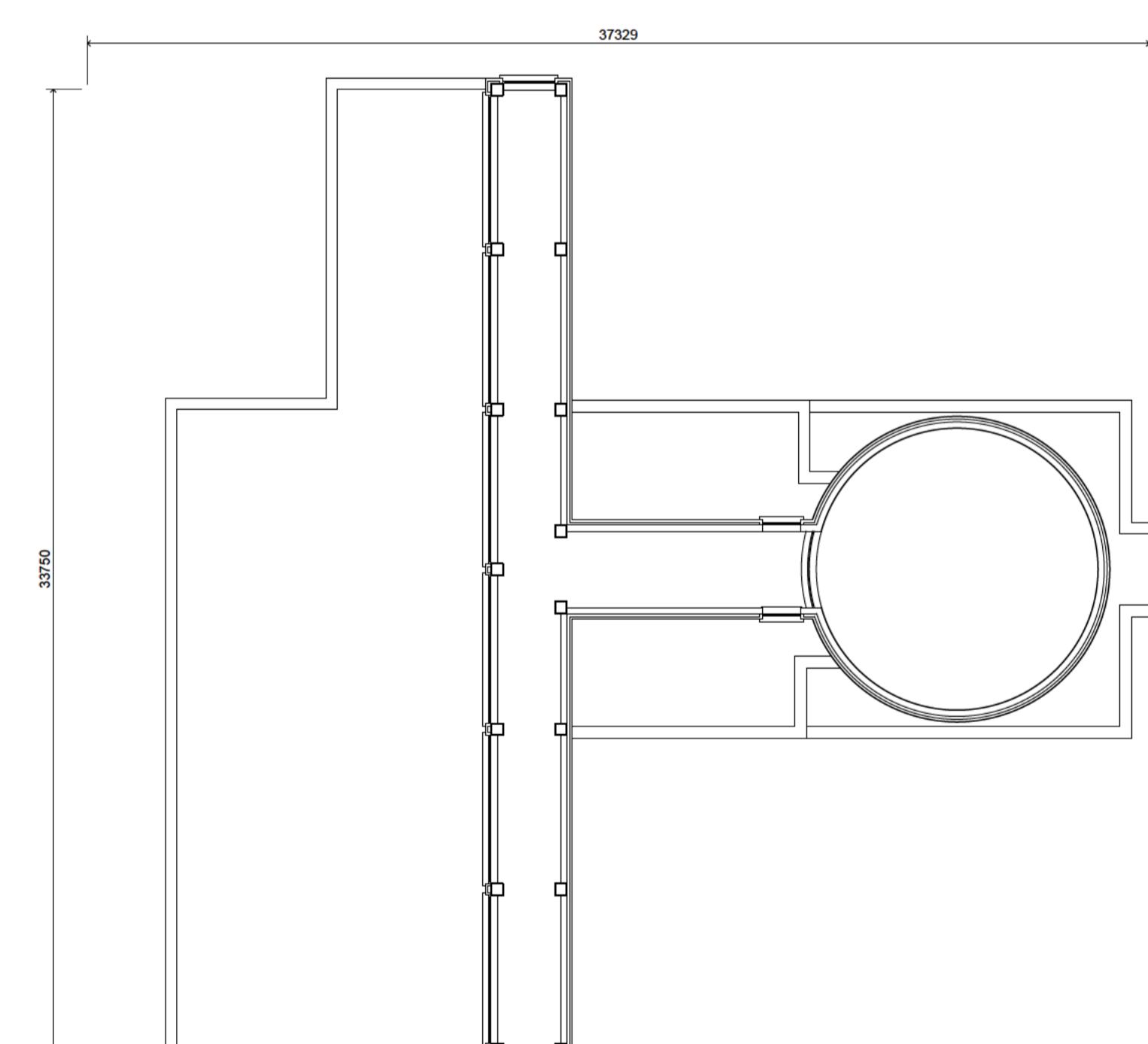
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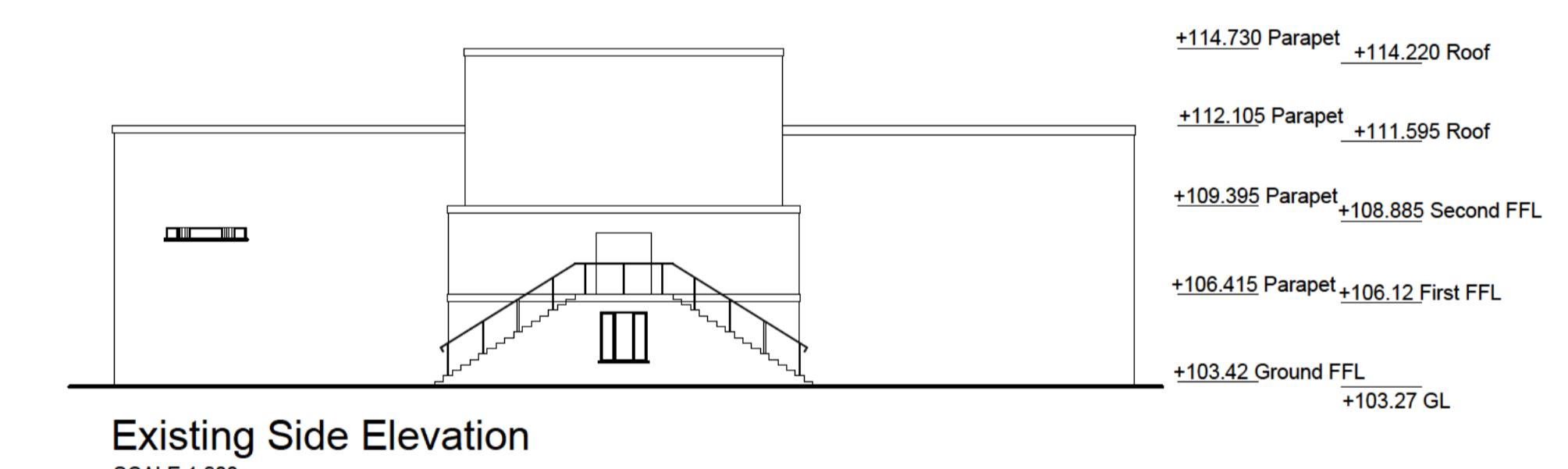
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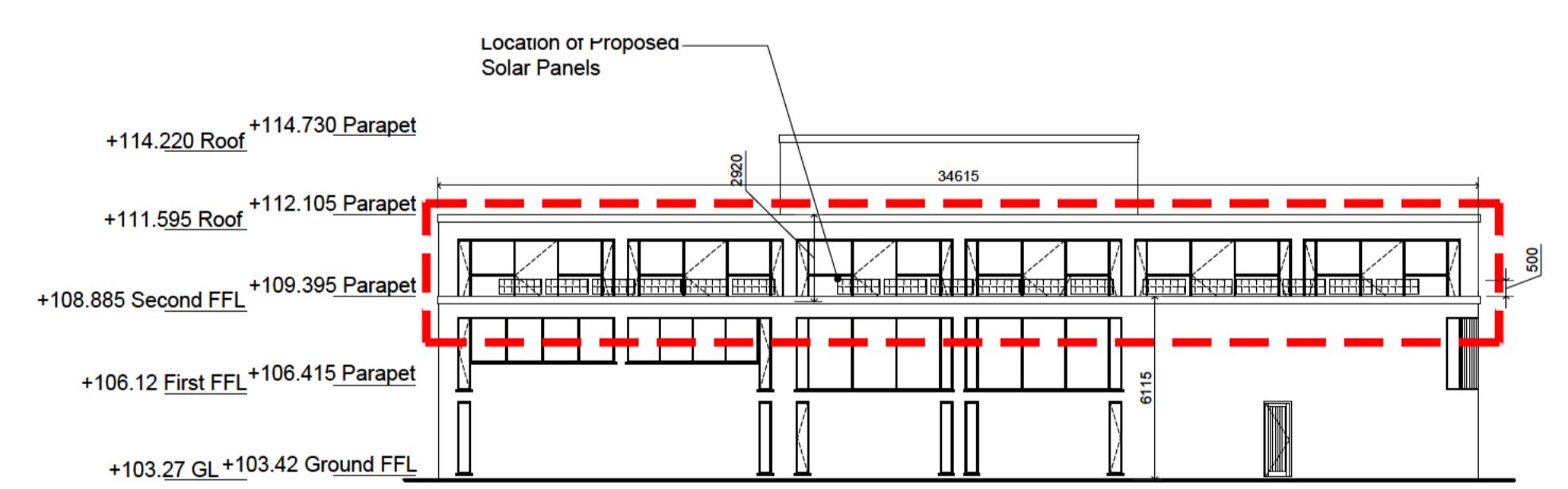
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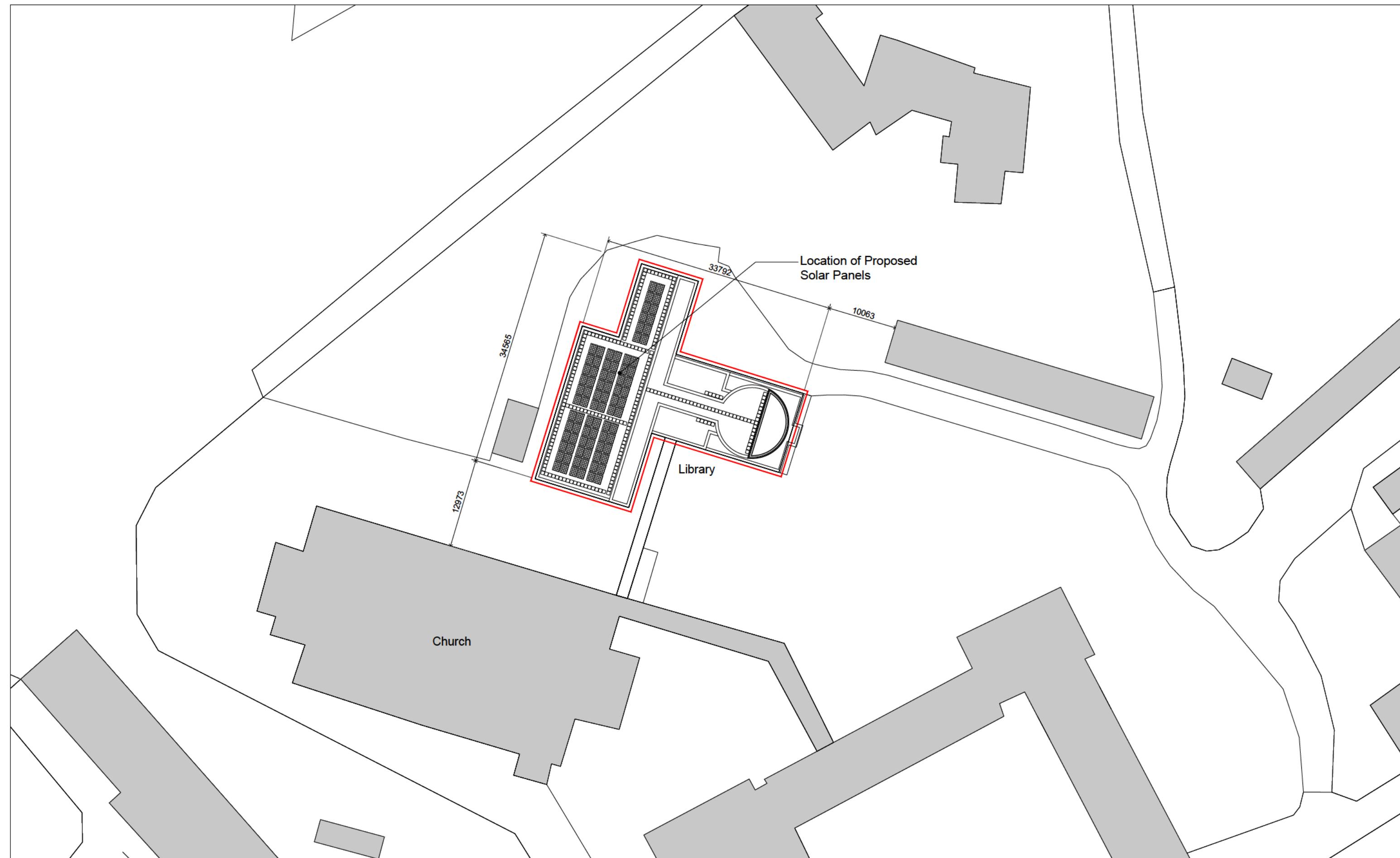
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TITLE	Proposed Solar Panels - Library Existing Plans & Elevations
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DRAWN	RD
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**Report on application under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)**

**Reference no.** EC-075-25

**Name and Address of Applicant:** Glenstal Abbey Trust,  
Glenstal Abbey,  
Murroe,  
Co. Limerick

**Agent:** Luke McNamara  
Glenstal Abbey Trust,  
Glenstal Abbey,  
Murroe,  
Co. Limerick

**Location:** Glenstal Abbey,  
Murroe,  
Co. Limerick

**Description of Site and Surroundings:**

Glenstal Abbey provides a boarding school along with a community for Benedictine monks. The site is to the north of the village and there are a number of protected structures on site and buildings recorded on the NIAH.

**Zoning:**

N/A

**Proposal:**

This is an application requesting a Section 5 Declaration on whether the following works are or are not development or are or not exempted development:

- Erection of solar panels on flat roof of library

This Section 5 declaration includes the following:

- Application Form
- Site location
- Elevations
- Plans
- Site layout

**Planning History:**

None for the library building.

## **Enforcement History**

N/A

## **Relevant An Bord Pleanála referrals**

N/A

## **Assessment**

Consideration as to whether a development constitutes exempted development or not is governed by Sections 4 and 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

### **Is the proposal development?**

**Section 2(1)** in this Act, except where otherwise requires –

‘works’ includes any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal.

‘structure’ as any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or part of a structure so defined, and –

(a) Where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situated.

**Section 3(1)** defines ‘development’ as ‘the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land’.

The proposed development on site, comprising erection of solar panels on flat roof of library constitutes ‘works’ and ‘development’.

### **Is the proposal exempted development?**

The proposal is for the erection of solar panels on southern roof of the clubhouse. Following a site inspection on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 it was noted that there is a section of the library which has a flat roof. The proposal for the erection of solar panels will be assessed under Class 61 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

### ***Class 61***

*The placing or erection on a roof, or within the curtilage, or on a roof of any ancillary buildings within the curtilage, of the following buildings or sites of a solar photo-voltaic and/or solar thermal collector installation:*

- (i) an educational building,*
- (ii) health centre or hospital,*
- (iii) recreational or sports facility,*
- (iv) place of worship,*
- (v) community facility or centre,*

(vi) library,

(vii) sites for the provision of gas, electricity, telecommunications services or water supplies or wastewater services operated by a statutory undertaker.

The building in question is part of an educational/religious complex.

*1. Where such development is located within a solar safeguarding zone, the total aperture area of any solar photo-voltaic and/or solar thermal collector panels, taken together with any other such panels previously placed on a roof, shall not exceed 300 square metres.*

The site is not within a solar safeguarding zone.

*2. Where such development is located within a solar safeguarding zone, the planning authority for the area shall be notified in writing no later than 4 weeks after the commencement of such development and such notification shall include details regarding the location and scale of the development.*

The site is not within a solar safeguarding zone.

*3. The distance between the plane of the roof and the solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels shall not exceed 1.2 metres in the case of a flat roof or 15cm in any other case.*

Drawings are submitted to show 1.2m is not exceeded.

*4. The solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels shall be a minimum of 2 metres in the case of a flat roof or 50cm in any other case from the edge of the roof on which it is mounted.*

Drawings are submitted show a 2m separation distance from the roof edge.

*5. Any ancillary equipment associated with solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels shall not be placed or erected on a wall or any roof that is not a flat roof.*

None proposed on drawings.

*6. The height of any ancillary equipment associated with solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels on a flat roof shall not exceed 1.6 metres above roof level.*

1.6 metres above roof level will not be exceeded.

*7. Any ancillary equipment associated with solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels on a flat roof shall be a minimum of 2 metres from the edge of the roof on which it is mounted.*

None proposed on drawings.

*8. Any free-standing solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector installation shall not be placed or erected forward of the front wall of the building or site.*

Proposal is for solar panels on the roof.

*9. The total aperture area of any free-standing solar photo-voltaic and solar thermal collector panels taken together with any other such existing free-standing panels shall not exceed 75 square metres.*

Proposal is for solar panels on the roof.

*10. The height of any free-standing solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector installation shall not exceed 2.5 metres at its highest point above ground level.*

Proposal is for solar panels on the roof.

*11. The placing or erection of a solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector installation on any wall shall not be exempted development.*

Proposal is for solar panels on the roof.

*12. The placing or erection of any free-standing solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector installation within an Architectural Conservation Area shall only be exempted development if those works would not materially affect the character of the area.*

Not within an ACA.

*13. No sign, advertisement or object not required for the functioning or safety of the solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector installation shall be attached to or exhibited on such installation.*

No signage shown on drawings submitted.

*14. Development under this Class shall only be exempted development where the solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector installation is primarily used for the provision of electricity or heating for use within the curtilage of the building or site, and shall not be considered a change of use for the purposes of the Act.*

To be used by Glenstal Abbey.

*15. Development under this Class which causes hazardous glint and/or glare shall not be exempted development and any solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collector panels which are causing hazardous glint and/or glare shall either be removed or be covered until such time as a mitigation plan to address the hazardous glint and/or glare is agreed and implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.*

Can be removed if necessary.

## **Article 9 Restrictions**

The proposed development is not restricted by any of the restrictions in Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

## **Appropriate Assessment**

An AA Screening examination was undertaken (see Appendix 1). Overall it is considered that the development as proposed should not exercise a significant effect on the conservation status of any SAC or SPA as there are no source-pathway-receptors and the site does not directly encroach on any Natura 2000 European Sites. Therefore, an Appropriate Assessment is not necessary (See appendix 1 for AA Screening Form).

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

An EIA Screening examination was undertaken (see Appendix 2). Based on a preliminary examination of the proposal there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and EIA is not required.

### **Conclusion/Recommendation**

The erection of solar panels on the clubhouse roof as detailed on the application and plans submitted are considered to be within the scope of Class 61 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Regard has been had to –

- (a) Section 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- (b) Class 61 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), amended,
- (c) The plans & particulars submitted with the application received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.

It is therefore considered that the said works are development and are exempted development under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

John Wallace

John Wallace  
A/Executive Planner

Date 24/04/2025

Agreed

Jennifer Collins

Jennifer Collins  
A/Senior Executive Planner

Date: 29/04/2025

## Appendix 1- AA Screening examination

### AA PN01 Screening Form

#### **STEP 1: Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:**

a. File Reference No:	EC/075/25
b. Brief description of the project or plan:	<p>This is an application requesting a Section 5 Declaration on whether the following works are or are not development or are or not exempted development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erection of solar panels on flat roof of library</li> </ul>
c. Brief description of site characteristics:	Glenstal Abbey provides a boarding school along with a community for Benedictine monks. The site is to the north of the village and there are a number of protected structures on site and buildings recorded on the NIAH.
d. Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW	N/A
e. Response to consultation:	N/A

#### **STEP 2: Identification of relevant Natura 2000 sites using Source-Pathway-Receptor model and compilation of information on Qualifying Interests and conservation objectives.**

European Site (code)	List of Qualifying Interest/Special Conservation Interest <sup>1</sup>	Distance from proposed development <sup>2</sup> (km)	Connections (Source-Pathway-Receptors)	Considered further in screening Y/N
002165 Lower River Shannon SAC	Lower River Shannon SAC   National Parks & Wildlife Service (npws.ie)	2.4km	None	No

004165 Slievefelim to Silvermine s Mountains SPA	<u>Slievefelim to Silvermines</u> <u>Mountains SPA   National Parks</u> <u>&amp; Wildlife Service (npws.ie)</u>	206m	None	No
001432 Glenstal Wood SAC	<u>Glenstal Wood SAC   National</u> <u>Parks &amp; Wildlife Service</u> <u>(npws.ie)</u>	114m	None	No
004077 River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA	<u>River Shannon and River Fergus</u> <u>Estuaries SPA   National Parks &amp;</u> <u>Wildlife Service (npws.ie)</u>	16.4km	None	No
001197 Keeper Hill SAC	<u><a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/001197">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/001197</a></u>	11.1km	None	No
002258 Silvermine s Mountains West SAC	<u><a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002258">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002258</a></u>	13.3km	None	No
001013 Glenomra Wood	<u><a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/001013">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/001013</a></u>	16.1km	None	No

<sup>1</sup> Short paraphrasing and/or cross reference to NPWS is acceptable – it is not necessary to reproduce the full text on the QI/SCI.

<sup>2</sup> if the site or part thereof is within the European site or adjacent to the European site, state here

**STEP 3: Assessment of Likely Significant Effects**

**(a) Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:**

Impacts:	Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/Magnitude etc)
<b>Construction phase e.g.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vegetation clearance</li> <li>- Demolition</li> <li>- Surface water runoff from soil excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits)</li> <li>- Dust, noise, vibration</li> <li>- Lighting disturbance</li> <li>- Impact on groundwater/dewatering</li> <li>- Storage of excavated/construction materials</li> <li>- Access to site</li> <li>- Pests</li> </ul>	None predicted as this is for installation of solar panels on the roof of an existing structure, limited works involved.
<b>Operation phase e.g.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct emission to air and water</li> <li>- Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment</li> <li>- Lighting disturbance</li> <li>- Noise/vibration</li> <li>- Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction</li> <li>- Presence of people, vehicles and activities</li> <li>- Physical presence of structures (e.g. collision risk)</li> <li>- Potential for accidents or incidents</li> </ul>	Given the nature of the proposal, not anticipated there would be any impact during operational phase as these are solar panels.
<b>In-combination/Other</b>	None given level of development in the area
<b>(b) Describe any likely changes to the European site:</b>	
Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area</li> <li>- Disturbance to QI species</li> <li>- Habitat or species fragmentation</li> <li>- Reduction or fragmentation in species density</li> <li>- Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc)</li> <li>- Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI</li> <li>- Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site</li> </ul>	None predicted

<b>(c) (Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

#### **STEP 4: Screening Determination Statement**

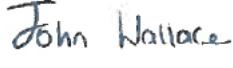
##### **The assessment of significance of effects:**

Describe how the proposed development (alone or in-combination is/is not likely to have significant effects on European site (s) in view of its conservation objectives

No effects have been identified on any designated sites

##### **Conclusion:**

Given the sites size, no hydrological connection to any SAC/SPA, the site does not encroach on any SAC/SPA and the scale of the development, An AA Screening is not required.

	Tick as appropriate:	Recommendation:
(i) It is clear that there <b>is no likelihood</b> of significant effects on a European Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate Assessment not required.
(ii) It is <b>uncertain</b> whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Request further information to complete screening <input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission
(iii) <b>Significant effects</b> are likely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission
<b>Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:</b>	 John Wallace John Wallace, A/Executive Planner 24/04/25	
<b>Planner</b>	 Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner 29/04/2025	

## Appendix 2 – EIA Screening— Establishing if Proposal is Sub-threshold

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':		
Planning Register Reference:	EC-075-25	
Development Summary:	Installation of solar panels	
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes. no further action required No. Proceed to <b>Part A</b>
<b>A. Schedule 5 Part 1</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 1</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. specify class: [insert here] _____		<b>EIA is mandatory</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No Screening required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Proceed to <b>Part B</b>
<b>B. Schedule 5 Part 2</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 2</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) <b>and</b> does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2		<b>No Screening required</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 <b>and</b> meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold):  [specify class & threshold here]		<b>EIA is mandatory</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No Screening required
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is of a type listed <b>but</b> is <i>sub-threshold</i> :  [insert here] _____		Proceed to <b>Part C</b>
<b>c. If Yes</b> , has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant		<b>Screening Determination required</b> <b>Preliminary Examination required</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant		

<b>Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:</b>	 <b>John Wallace, Assistant Planner</b> <b>24/04/25</b>
<b>Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:</b>	 <b>Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner</b> <b>29/04/25</b>

### Appendix 3 – Site Inspection Photographs





Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnígh  
**Limerick City  
& County Council**

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Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnígh  
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## PLANNING & PLACE-MAKING

### REG POST:

**Glenstal Abbey Trust,  
Glenstal Abbey,  
Murroe,  
Co. Limerick,  
V94A725**

**EC/075/25**

**30 April 2025**

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### Re: Declaration under Section 5

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above application for Section 5 Declaration on Development and Exempted Development.

Please find herewith a copy of Council's decision on same.

Yours faithfully,

*M. O'Brien*

**(for) Senior Planner,  
Development Management**

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**LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL**

**APPROVED OFFICER'S ORDER**

**SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

**No. AOO/DC/2025/431**

**File Ref No. EC/075/25**

**SUBJECT:** Declaration under Section 5.  
Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended

**RE:** **Erection of solar panels on flat roof of library at Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick**

**ORDER:** Whereas by Director General's Order No. DG/2024/122 dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Dr. Pat Daly, Director General, Limerick City & County Council did, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by Section 154 of the Local Government Act, 2001, (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2024), delegate unto Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner the functions as defined in the Local Government Acts, 1925 to 2024.

Now therefore pursuant to the delegation of the functions aforesaid, I, Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner, having considered the report and recommendation of John Wallace, A/Executive Planner dated 24/04/2025, hereby order that a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be issued to Glenstal Abbey Trust, c/o Luke McNamara Glenstal Abbey Trust, Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick to state that the works as described above is

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**Development and is Exempt Development.**

Signed

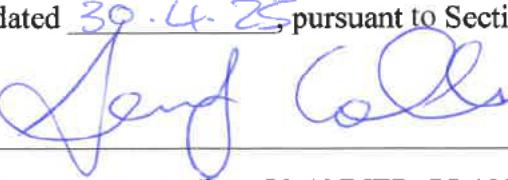
  
Jennifer Collins  
A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, PLANNING & PLACE-MAKING

Date

30.4.2025

Certified to be a true copy of Approved Officer's Order, Planning & Development Order No. AOO/DC/2025/431 dated 30.4.25, pursuant to Section 151(7) of the Local Government Act 2001

Signed:

  
Jennifer Collins  
A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, PLANNING & PLACE-MAKING



## **SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

**DECLARATION NO.** **EC/075/25**

**Name and Address of Applicant:** Glenstal Abbey Trust, Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick

**Agent:** Luke McNamara, Glenstal Abbey Trust, Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick

**Whether** the erection of solar panels on flat roof of library at Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick is or is not Development or is or is not Exempted Development. The works as described on the plans submitted with the application on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025.

**AND WHEREAS** the Planning Authority has concluded that the the erection of solar panels on flat roof of library at Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick **DOES** come within the scope of exempted development as defined under Class 61 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). See Report attached.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Planning Authority in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(2) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) hereby decides that the said development as described above is **Development and is Exempt Development**.

Signed on behalf of the said Council M. O'Brien

Date: 30.4.2025

**NOTE:** A Declaration on Development or Exemption issued by Limerick City & County Council may be referred to An Bord Pleanála on payment of €220 for review within 4 weeks after the issuing of the declaration.