

**Northumberland & Newcastle Society
Planning comments for North Tyneside – June 2025**

Application Reference	Application Type	Location Details	Proposal
25/00835/LBC	Listed Building Consent	The Watchtower Percy Gardens Tynemouth Tyne And Wear	Reconfigure existing living accommodation of tower with relocated kitchen & bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms. Proposed MVHR and UFH
Planning Officer	Rebecca Andison		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) supports grant of approval for this application.</p> <p>The Society notes the history of this remarkable, unique and interesting designated heritage asset and understand this 7 storey high tower was constructed in 1916 for coastal defence.</p> <p>It is evident previous interventions have resulted in a configuration of living accommodation that could be improved upon, and we feel the sympathetic approach being adopted in this scheme respects the building and deserves support. The changes sought appear mostly cosmetic and include replacement and relocation of rainwater goods and other services in sympathetic and appropriate materials that celebrate the origins of the building.</p>		
25/00789/PRIOTH	Prior application Other	Percy Hedley School West Lane Killingworth Newcastle	Installation of 252 no. 450W Solar Panels
Planning Officer	Claire Dobinson Booth		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) supports grant of approval for this application.</p> <p>As a generic principle the Society welcomes solar PV installation schemes for existing buildings where appropriate as an important element in improved energy performance and this reflects our green energy policy. Notwithstanding the need for appropriate safety measures and strict compliance with Building Regulations we support this scheme.</p>		
25/00790/PRIOTH	Prior application Other	Percy Hedley Lower School Station Road Forest Hall Newcastle	Installation of 132 no. 450W Solar Panels, with a total output of 59.4 kWp and associated equipment.
Planning Officer	Claire Dobinson Booth		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) supports grant of approval for this application.</p> <p>As a generic principle the Society welcomes solar PV installation schemes for existing buildings where appropriate as an important element in improved energy performance and this reflects our green energy policy. Notwithstanding the need for appropriate safety measures and strict compliance with Building Regulations we support this scheme.</p>		