

## Design and Access Statement

The proposal outlined enables Figgins to provide the environmentally beneficial ability to accommodate imminent global needs of supporting electric vehicles and their recharge at a home location. The designs of the associated parking to facilitate this can be accommodated while still maintaining the building its frontal appeal as all existing building materials and elevations will be duplicated. The resultant parking will be an asset to a “parking starved” village (albeit just a fractional improvement) whilst additionally easing immediate localised congestion during unavoidable vehicle loading/unloading.

Drawing 001 shows the existing plan/front elevation combined with an overlay of a parking splay, the design of which complies with DCC HIGHWAYS RESIDENTIAL /COMMERCIAL DESIGN GUIDE. Although there is an immediate localised precedent for this type of design, this first scheme (scheme 1) is NOT part of the current application (included for INFO ONLY) as Scheme 2 detail (current application) offers considerably less impact to the property frontal structure. Also this Scheme 2 has the ability for the build process to be essentially contained within the property boundaries with minimal disturbance to Church Road activity.

The property access will remain the same albeit the front of building access paving moves towards the building by circa 1 metre but otherwise unchanged. The scheme proposed uses reverse vehicle access in common with most other Church Road localised property parking arrangements along with their same restricted egress functionality. However, by virtue of Figgins unique location, there exists a natural traffic calming arrangement consisting of The Strand/Church Road double corners combined with Burgmanns Hill junction. This would result in easier and safer forward egress of a vehicle when comparing with existing parking schemes. Also the road width adjacent to Figgins is at a maximum when compared to the narrower sections associated with other Church Road localised off road parking.

Specifically, the architectural features of Figgins have been painstaking maintained during ownership by the applicant from 2008. All existing external features were repaired, made good to effect a zero change to the building facade with no new items used in this respect, saving that of “rusted through” cast iron ogee guttering/down pipes which had to be totally renewed but with same design/material. The current application does not detract from this status in anyway.