

Heritage Statement Osprey development at the Bell Inn, Tong.

The Bell Inn itself is not a listed building, however the former stable block approximately 7 meters north of the Bell Inn is a grade two listed structure, first listed in August 1984. (English heritage legacy id 1307873). It is an attractive, squared and coursed sandstone building with brick to rear and an old tile roof situated in front to the North of the Bell Inn. The site includes a large garden area to the rear of the building, a car parking area to the north, west and east side of the building/garden and a smaller car park/seating area at the front of the building.

Osprey Charging Network are setting forward a proposal for three rapid electric vehicle charging points and associated electrical feeder pillar, within the car park to the north of the building.

While we are proposing no alterations or works to the building itself, the chargers will be partly visible from the building. The proposed development will be situated at the north side of the car park. The feeder pillar (the largest single piece of equipment) will be located such that it is tucked into the hedgerow to the north of the carpark.

With regard to the public benefit, the proposal would serve to provide an essential public service (namely the charging of electric vehicles).

Through the provision of the charge points, the proposal will help to bring customers to the pub; helping to ensure that the pub stays in business for a long time to come; therefore supporting its long-term conservation.

Osprey Charging Network believe that; as a result of the physical separation from the listed structure; the proposal would be of low impact to the overall significance of the heritage asset.

Further, with regards to mitigation, while the full works are required for the full function of the chargers; all of the equipment (and associated infrastructure) can be easily removed at a later date and the land put back to it's original state; without causing damage to the protected structure or it's surroundings.