

Heritage statement

Introduction:

This is a statement about the heritage and historic context of 118 the Street in the village of Boughton under Blean. It will try to describe the impact of the proposed Electric Vehicle Charge Point and its context. The changes are minimal and will be barely visible from outside of the footpath or the roadway.

Historic England listing

Heritage Category:Listed Building

Grade:II

List Entry Number:1069167

Date first listed:21-May-1986

Statutory Address 1:118 AND 120, BOUGHTON STREET

District:Swale (District Authority)

Parish:Boughton under Blean

National Grid Reference:TR 06074 59324

TR 0659-0759 BOUGHTON BOUGHTON STREET(North side)Nos. 118 and 120/50IIGVHouse pair. C18 exterior. Timber framed and clad with rendered red and blue chequered brick exposed on right return and weather boarded on left return. Plain tiled roof. Two parallel ranges. Two storeys on plinth with projecting cornice and parapet to roof hipped to left, with stacks to left and projecting and offset at end right. Three glazing bar sashes on first floor, and 3 bow windows on ground floor, the central larger. Boarded door to right and glazed door to left, both with sidelights. Listing NGR: TR0607459324

Boughton Under Blean village

Boughton under Blean is a village and civil poarish between Faversham and Canterbury. "Boughton under Blean" technically refers only to the hamlet at the top of Boughton Hill; the main village at the foot of the hill is named Boughton Street, but the whole is referred to as "Boughton under Blean" or more commonly as just "Boughton". The Blean refers to the Forest of Blean, an area of long-standing Kent woodland covering over 11 square miles (28.5 sq. km).

It had a population of 1,917 according to the 2011 Census.

Source : Wikipedia

The house

Little is known about the history of the house, although Joan White's book about the village (Faversham Papers No 22 – Printed and published by the Faversham Society) describe Nos

120 and 118 as an old building which was refronted. 120 was Boughton's first telephone exchange while 118 was a butcher's shop. Photos exist showing an awning outside 118.

The Proposal and its impact

It is proposed to install to the Eastern side elevation, towards the rear of the building affixed to the brickwork an Electric Vehicle Charging Point.

Mitigation

It is the applicant's intention to protect and not alter the historic building. Instead, the charging point will be installed on a flat roofed building extension which was built in the 1970s and has little historical significance.

The new charging point will be surface mounted minimising damage to the brickwork wherever possible ensuring it can be removed at some future time leaving the brickwork intact.

Summary & Conclusion

This proposal will have negligible impact on the historical context of the building. The intention is to allow the use of an electric vehicle in order to reduce fossil fuels use and their associated environmental impact.

Located far back from the road, the EV charging point would be barely visible. Attached to a building extension rather than the historical house itself, it would not negate any of the architectural merits of the building's eastern elevation.

It is also in support of contemporary legislation and the governments drive to increase the use of Electric Vehicles. It would normally be classed as permitted development if the building were not Grade II Listed.