

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Teachers House
Hardwick, Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP22 4DU



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Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared to support an application for Listed Building Consent, for the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charger, at Teachers house, Hardwick Buckinghamshire HP22 4DU

Proposal

Listed Building Consent is sought to install an Electric Vehicle Charging unit. The owners of Teachers House currently own a fully electric vehicle and would like to install a 7kW charging point to facilitate quick and safe charging of the car at home. They are very keen to reduce their impact on the environment and have therefore chosen a fully electric vehicle.

However, Public Charging points in and around the Hardwick area practically non-existent and they are therefore proposing the installation of a discreet domestic EV charger on the side wall of the existing, more modern (c.1870s), extension. Currently they use a charger which plugs into a standard 3-pin outdoor socket, but this relies on the property's ageing wiring to sustain a significant current draw for prolonged periods (10Amps continuous draw in excess of 10 hours for each charge) .

It is proposed to install a Pod Point SOLO 3, 7kW charging point in the location specified on the attached plans and photographs. Please also see attached the specifications of the Pod Point SOLO 3. The associated cabling would be 6mm black PVC armoured cable and run from the existing internal consumer unit to the charger. The cable would be clipped to the wall using the minimum number of clips required.

This particular unit has been chosen due to its small size and discreet nature, in keeping with the Grade II Listed status of Teachers House. The EV charger is just 10cm larger than a sheet of A4, this is currently one the smaller unit on the market and is approved by OZEV. The cable run has been chosen to provide the most direct and least visually intrusive path.

Proposed site for the installation of an EV Charger

The Heritage Asset

Teachers House is a Grade II listed building and is listed as a single listing with the adjoining Village Hall, John Bridles as Listing Entry Number: SP8053419228. The listing description is as follows:

SP 81 NW HARDWICK LOWER ROAD

6/16 John Bridle's Hall and School House -

- GRADE II

Village hall, formerly school, and house. Hall is dated 1871 on tablet, possibly designed by George Devey. House altered and extended at similar date for school-master, but has C17-early C18 core. Hall is of red brick with blue diapers and irregular rubble stone in lower walls and plinth. Ashlar window surrounds and mullions.

Tiled roof, stone coped gables, brick chimneys with off-set stacks and diagonal shafts. L-plan with extensions in rear angle. One storey. Front to road has gabled cross wing to left with cross window and small round opening above. Upper lights of cross window have 4-centred heads. Range to right has similar eaves-breaking window to centre with gable over, and flanking 2-light windows. Square timber bell-cote has ogee lead roof with ball finial.

Entry to rear. House attached to right has 1870s extension to front, of red brick with half-timbered gable to projecting bay, and chimney with 3 diagonal shafts in angle. Wing to rear has some timber framing, obscured by lean-to to west, tile hung to far gable, but is partly rebuilt in brick. Central chimney, tiled roofs. 1½ storeys. Irregular wooden casements, board door in lean-to porch to left. RCHM II p.143 Mon. 13.



Impact Assessment

Careful consideration has been taken to mitigate any impact on the Listed Building, paying particular regard to the charger selected, the proposed position of the charger on a more modern extension and located to minimise its view from the roadside and the selection of the most visually discreet path for the cable.

The impact to the Listed Building is therefore thought to be low.

Installation of the dedicated charger and cable also removes the reliance on the property's existing wiring, which is estimated to be some 40 years old at least. This therefore removes the risk of this wiring failing and potentially catching fire, which could cause significant damage to the building.

Conclusion

The utmost care has been taken in considering all aspects of this proposal and the impact to the Listed Building both visually and physically is very low. As such the proposals comply with policies aimed at conserving and enhancing the historic environment contained in the NPPF, the adopted Local Plan and the statutory duty set by the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

Name and address of proposed development site –

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Proposed Development or Works–

INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGE POINT

DESIGN COMPONENTS

Layout -

The proposed location point for the EV charger has been chosen so as to be as inconspicuous as possible, thereby minimising the visible impact and the enjoyment of the listed buildings historic design and features. A side elevation has been chosen as the most suitable location to minimise it's visibility from the kerb.

Scale –

The Pod Point 'solo 3', 7kW has been chosen due to its smaller form factor design and colour. The unit is a grey which blends well with the surrounding building. Additionally the greenery covering the walls will make the Ev charger as inconspicuous as possible.

Appearance –

The appearance of the unit is grey and black in colour and is designed to be a compact unit. The EV charger is proposed to be mounted on a newer part of the property and will be surrounded by existing greenery limiting its view from both road and on the driveway. The grey and black colour scheme contrast each other well and blend nicely with the property. There is a small light on the front which goes a variety of colours depending on the status of the charging point. The charger is tethered and the design means that the cable can be wrapped around it making it as inconspicuous as possible when not in use.

- Brand – Pod Point
- Sockets – 1
- Colour – Grey/Black
- Wifi – Yes
- Wattage – 7kW
- Voltage – 230v
- Depth – 150mm
- Diameter – 360mm

HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION ISSUES

Historic and special architectural importance of the building –

Teachers House attached to right of the village Hall has 1870s extension to front, of red brick with half-timbered gable to projecting bay, and chimney with 3 diagonal shafts in angle. Wing to rear has some timber framing, obscured by lean-to to west, tile hung to far gable, but is partly rebuilt in brick. Central chimney, tiled roofs. 1½ storeys. Irregular wooden casements, board door in lean-to porch to left

Setting –

Hardwick Village is set on the A413 about 4 miles from Aylesbury. Teachers House is attached by a walkway and storage building to the Village Hall.

Since its closure in 1982 the village school, has been known as John Bridle's Hall and become the centre of village activities. The hall takes its name from Dr John Bridle, rector of Hardwick and Weedon for 32 years from 1760 to 1792.

Teachers House forms an important part of the history of the Village, with its setting opposite the Village public House. It has red brickwork and wisteria growing to the side elevation.

ACCESS COMPONENTS

Technical advice -

The compact size of the EV charge point along with its location will not impact or hinder access

Degree of access

The installation of the Pod Point will not hinder or limit access any more than the parking of the vehicle. The EV charge point has been considered as has the cable from charge point to the wall to minimise any access issues as far as possible. The cable has been kept from any public walkway

Future access requirements

The EV (electric vehicle) charge point is designed to provide safety due to it's design and ease of movement or replacement should that be required and as the technology advances.

Emergency access

The positioning of the installation will not obstruct or hinder access by emergency services.