

Covering Statement for Osprey Development at Business Centre North Waltham

We are seeking planning permission from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for the erection of a substation, eight ultra-rapid electric vehicle charge points and associated electrical infrastructure within a newly created car park in a field to the north of Basingstoke Garden Centre.

Osprey Charging Network is the applicant. The red line boundary includes only the area of the development for which planning permission is being sought. There is no blue line boundary shown as the applicant (Osprey) is not a landowner.

Osprey Charging Network has already completed in excess of 300 sites around Britain and has witnessed the ever-increasing need for high-power, public, EV charging; as well as a need for the provision of slower speed charging for customers who have much longer dwell times.

This application is intended to take the place of a previously approved scheme for charging points within the neighbouring garden centre car park (ref: 23/02219/FUL).

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has committed, as part of their Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy to lead by example and transition their council fleet to ultra-low emissions vehicles. The council is also aiming to install up to 78 new electric vehicle chargers in residential areas and on streets across the borough (subject to a bid for government funding). Through this proposal, Osprey Charging Network will be helping the council towards its goal of a zero-emission transport future.

While there are already a number of charge points in the local area, due to the ever-increasing number of electric vehicles on the local roads, there is an ever-growing need for the provision of more, high speed, charge points. These would offer both residents and visitors a method of very quickly recharging their vehicles, rather than having to charge for a number of hours on a slower charger. Further, for the same number of charge points, more vehicles can be recharged in a given time period.

While electric vehicles currently only account for 2.9% of the vehicles on UK roads, that number is expected to rise to over 30% by 2030. Not all homes and EV drivers will have access to off-street parking (over 30%) and they will be reliant on affordable and accessible public charging infrastructure. Osprey Charging Network's chargers are the most 'open' to EV drivers. All cars, regardless of charging port, can charge on the network and customers have an option to simply use contactless payment or an app, RFID or a subscription service. We cater to all drivers (including those with reduced mobility) and if there are drivers who regularly rely on and use our charge points, our subscription service allows them to sign up to a cheaper tariff as we understand not all customers have access to a private charger at home.