

## **Covering Statement for Osprey Development the Horse and Groom Pub**

We are seeking planning permission from Dartford Borough Council for the erection of three rapid electric vehicle chargers and associated electrical feeder pillar within the main car park of the pub.

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.

Dartford Borough Council's (draft) Sustainable Transport Strategy outlines the goal to promote sustainable transport solutions. Part of this is promoting ultra-low emissions vehicles and zero emissions vehicles: namely battery electric vehicles. The plan recognises the need for infrastructure to be provided to support these vehicles. Osprey Charging Network believe that, through this development, we will be helping Dartford Borough Council to do this.

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.