

Covering Statement for Osprey Development at Steam Wagon Inn

We are seeking planning permission from Shropshire Council 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 wider site is owned by Punch Pubs & Co as certified by the certificate B form within the application. 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.

Shropshire Council's Adopted Climate change action plan project pipeline outlines plans to install EV charging points in market towns across Shropshire as part of a government funded project called 'Agile Streets'. This is aimed at helping vehicle owners who are reliant on on-street and public charging. While this is a fantastic initiative, more charge points will be needed over the coming years to cope with the ever increasing number of electric vehicles on local roads. Osprey Charging Network believe that, through the installation of these charging points and others like it, we will be helping the council to support the transition to zero emissions vehicles.

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.