

23SHP - 86 South Hill Park, London, NW3 2SN

Supplementary Design & Access Statement / Heritage Impact Assessment

## **Proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Point to Existing Entrance Portico**

This combined Design & Access Statement and Heritage Impact Assessment has been prepared in support of the application for Listed Building Consent for the approval of an Electrical Vehicle Charging Point to the entrance area at 86(b) South Hill Park.

86b comprises the fore of the upper ground floor and upper storeys of number the original house (subdivided at some time around 1985) and belonging to the terrace built in 1954-6 by the Architects Howell (Gillian & William) and Amis (Stanley) later to become HKPA as founding partners. The Historic England listing is detail on the link below in full, the listing was established in 2015.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1409894?section=official-list-entry>

We have proposed a small and discrete model charging point design that will have minimal impact on the appearance and significance of the heritage asset: in that, the finish is a matte white, chosen specifically to match the existing wall material where it is proposed to be located, and of a size to as to be as inconspicuous as possible.

We have reviewed current Camden Planning Policy in relation to the proposed charging point and submit that this minor alteration is in accordance with Camdens broad intent to encourage sustainable development, reduce air pollution and grow it's sustainable transport infrastructure across the borough.

In relation to this application we have reviewed the documents:

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| • Camden Local Plan                             | - | 2017       |
| • Camden Planning Guidance: Design (SPD)        | - | 2021       |
| • Camden Planning Guidance: Air Quality (SPD)   | - | 2021       |
| • Camden Transport Strategy Action Plan         | - | April 2019 |
| • Electrical Vehicle Charging Point Action Plan | - | April 2019 |
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We have included below a number of extract statements from the above documents which we believe are relevant to the proposals:

### Transport Strategy Action Plan - April 2019

Electric vehicles and charge points

*2.54. Electric Vehicles (EVs) are an important element of Camden's efforts to combat poor air quality. While the majority of households in Camden do not own a car, it is essential that those who do own one, as well as taxis, PHVs, and business fleets, operate Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs), not least to comply with the Mayor's Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) being introduced in 2019, and the longer-term ambition for Central London to be emission-free by 2025.*

### Electric Vehicle Charging Point Action Plan - April 2019

#### **2. Background & Context:**

*2.5. In addition to providing for residents, Camden needs a coherent network of electric charging infrastructure that serves the needs of all types of EV uses, including taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs), car clubs and commercial fleets. This Plan also includes measures to meet this demand.*

#### **3. EVCP Infrastructure options and measures**

*3.1. Camden will need to consider a wide range of users, the most appropriate locations and charging infrastructure, as well as an even distribution across the borough to both encourage a switch to cleaner vehicles and minimise the distance that drivers need to travel to top up*

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### **Heritage Assessment:**

The specified charging point is intended to be of minimal visual impact and to not be markedly visible from the street. There are presently a number of other instances of installed elements present at the other properties of the terrace, particularly parcel boxes or intruder alarm cover cases, though these are presumed to be pre-statutory listing.

In balance, while there may be some perceived very minor harm to the character and appearance of the heritage assess in the installation of the new electrical vehicle charging point, the policy of Camden Council is to support the provision of new sustainable transport infrastructure including within heritage and conservation contexts.

As such, it is considered that the benefit of the new charging provision will far outweigh any perceived minor harm, we hope that the application will therefore be positively recieved and recommended for approval.

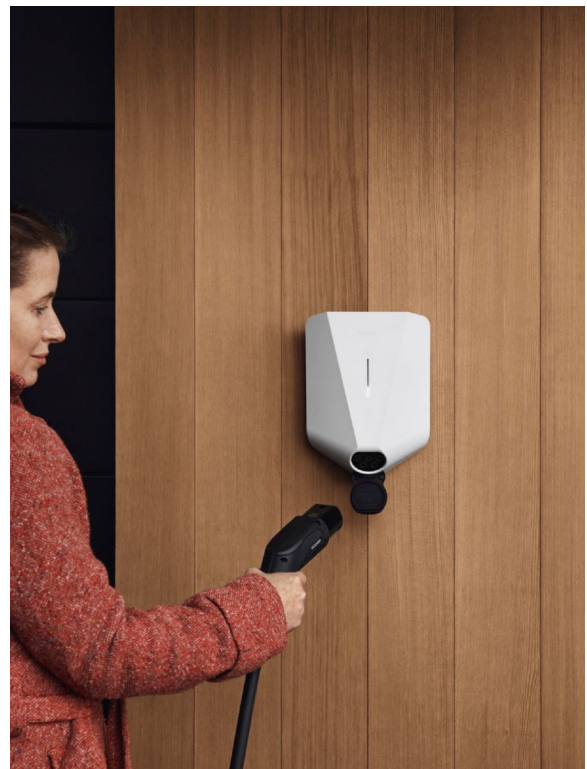
### **Design & Access:**

Access & Use - the charger would be mounted at 840mm to the top of the case and would also allow use by wheelchair users.

Design, Scale & Appearance - the simple and unbranded specification is without bright LED lights or other distracting / visually intrusive elements.



Existing condition of the entrance portico to No' 86



Proposed EV Re-charging Point (white external finish case)