

Highway Development Management Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2025/07726

Site Address: Land North of Bath Road, Chippenham, SN14 0BJ.

Proposal: Electric vehicle charging facility.

Date of Consultation Response: 20/10/2025

I refer to the above planning application dated 07/10/2025 seeking permission for an electric vehicle charging facility.

The site is located between an existing public footpath/cycleway to the east and a nursery to the west. The nursery access and footway link are on the southern boundary and is privately owned. The private access road links to a short section of unclassified public highway which connects to the A4 Bath Road roundabout junction. There are no proposals to alter the existing public highway as part of the proposed development.

The proposals seek to provide a 16 bay Electric Vehicle Charging Facility with access over the private footway; this would be required to have third party permission to enable the provision of access. The access proposals seem to provide two dropped kerb facilities, which would not be preferred as it would result in the footpath in this location being subject to numerous level changes and could impede the smooth operation for pedestrians/cyclists using the footway. It would be acceptable to provide a single area of dropped kerb which would encompass both the access and egress with a dropped kerb facility.

The internal layout appears to be overengineered for what is essentially a car park, with over 15m of space between bays and a circulatory system, obviously this achieves turning and enables access/egress in a forward gear, however I believe it would also allow for conflicting movements especially at the south western bays where vehicles may not follow the circulatory road in place.

No swept path analysis has been provided for the site, which would be required to show that all spaces would be accessible without conflict within the access at the very least.

No visibility splays have been detailed for pedestrians or vehicles, these need to be demonstrated, and it should be noted that any splays would be required to be clear of obstructions over 600mm. A footway connection directly opposite the proposed accesses would be required to be extended to allow crossing further into the site and avoid direct conflict with the access.

Vehicle trip generation has been discussed within a Transport Statement which details that some 4 and 11 vehicles would be anticipated in the AM and PM peak periods. Whilst there is high demand in this location due to the existing local businesses, this would not be considered a significant impact on the surrounding road network, and some trips could be considered as linked due to the businesses in the immediate vicinity.

The principle of an EV Charging facility in this location with regard to highways would be acceptable, however there are a number of issues with the scheme as highlighted above which require addressing in detail for the scheme to be considered acceptable in relation to highways.

If you have any queries regarding the above advice, please contact:

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