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Dear Georgina,

Chicklade Service Centre – Discharge of Condition 28

Lone Wolf Planning has pleasure in being instructed by InstaVolt to continue the process of discharging the planning conditions attached to the recent approval of the new Chicklade (EV) Service Station, on the A303, Wiltshire.

Demolition works have begun at the site and the discharge of other pre-commencement planning conditions is imperative to expedite the opening of the site to the public so that it can support the Government's ambitions for transport decarbonisation.

Transport decarbonization is a Government priority in relation to climate change and net zero prerogatives. By 2030, a ban on the sale of new internal combustion engine vehicles (ICE) will come into effect and will have been preceded by moves in that direction by auto-manufacturers.

Predictions vary, but by 2030, the number of EV vehicles on UK roads may have increased from the 1.3 million on the roads in early 2020⁵, to between 6 to 8 million¹ and 16 million² by 2030; between a five and twelve-fold increase.

As of early 2025 there are around 75,000 public EV chargers installed across the UK; installed between 2011 and 2025. The Government has set a minimum target of 300,000 public EV chargers to be installed by 2030, based on current performance, the fact that 'easier' sites might already be developed, and future projections, society will fall short of this minimum figure by around 85,000 chargers.

¹ [Government sets out path to zero emission vehicles by 2035 - GOV.UK](#)

² [Electric vehicle charging market study: final report \(Competition and Markets Authority\)](#)

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We're thrilled to have officially broken ground on our landmark new ultra-rapid EV charging hub at the former Chicklade services on the A303. Set within the historic and picturesque Fonthill Estate, the development represents a major investment in the region's charging infrastructure and a significant step forward in supporting the UK's transition to electric mobility.

When complete, the hub will host over 30 ultra-rapid 160kW chargers, providing reliable, high-speed charging for drivers travelling along one of the South West's busiest strategic routes. The site has been carefully designed to offer a first-class customer experience, including 24-hour WC facilities, 59 customer parking spaces, and 11 dedicated staff spaces.

Plans also include an upmarket farm shop and café, offering local produce and high-quality refreshments for visitors. The development will be further enhanced by landscaped outdoor seating, green spaces, and a children's play area. A new footpath linking the hub to the village of Chicklade is also set to be constructed, improving access and supporting community connectivity.

Our CEO, Delvin Lane, was joined by Wiltshire Council Leader, Ian Thorn, Fonthill Estate Owner and Steward, Lord Alastair Margadale, and Project Manager, Bruno Skinner.

The Chicklade hub is scheduled to open in late Summer 2026.

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InstaVolt is the UK's largest, fastest growing and most reliable rapid charge point operator, with over [3000 public rapid chargers across the UK](#).

InstaVolt is committed to the expansion of the UK's public charging infrastructure to support the Government's ambitions to ban the sale of new fossil fuel cars from 2030. To achieve this goal, substantial investment is required by the private sector into new, high quality charging infrastructure for EV drivers to charge in public. InstaVolt expects to invest over £350m up to 2030 to expand its network to 10,000 charge points in the UK alone. Historically, the network has focused on retrofitting small numbers of chargers on existing sites (such as drive-to food and coffee outlets. However, as demand for public charging relentlessly grows, networks such as InstaVolt must commit to building larger hubs that provide greater capacity, particularly along the strategic road network.

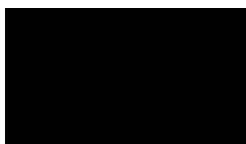
This project will see the approved EV hub developed, **at pace**, and the Chairman of InstaVolt is very clear that *"InstaVolt, the largest Rapid EV Network in the UK, have agreed with the Fonthill Estate to develop the site and build one of the largest EV Hubs in the UK, this is very exciting for the UK but especially EV drivers in the area and passing on holiday"*.

InstaVolt have begun the process of implementing the recent planning permission by discharging conditions that prevent site clearance and demolition, in order to meet both InstaVolt's ambitious target for opening the hub but also supporting Government's ambitions.

Enclosed with this letter are details of the post WSI archaeological investigations, which yielded very little. The WSI was pre-approved by The County Archaeologist as per the email correspondence enclosed.

Lone Wolf Planning understands that Government Ministers and [OZEV](#) are keen to see rapid progress with this key EV development. Therefore, if we can be of any assistance in expediting matters then please do not hesitate to let us know at your earliest convenience.

Your sincerely,



Steven Bainbridge MRTPI

Lone Wolf Planning Ltd.

Encl.

-  Correspondence between Archaeology Consultant and County Archaeologist.
-  Archaeological evaluation report.

[Draft] Fw: PL/2022/06298 Chicklade Services trench plan and draft WSI

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From: Smith, Roland <Roland.Smith@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 September 2025 10:58

To: Phil Moore <Phil.Moore@bwbconsulting.com>

Subject: FW: PL/2022/06298 Chicklade Services trench plan and draft WSI

This email originated from outside of our organisation. Please exercise caution with content, links and attachments.

Hello Phil,

Thank you for sending me your draft WSI for the evaluation of this site and a proposed trench location plan. Both are fine. We would normally expect the WSI to provide for some contingency trenching in case there is a need to resolve uncertainties while still on site. You don't need to amend the WSI to include this as I am sure we can agree to it on site in the unlikely event there proves to be a need. Please note that the site falls within the collecting area of Salisbury Museum. Their normal requirements for archive deposition should be available on their website. They do normally expect to be notified in advance of any fieldwork.

I look forward to learning of the programme for the fieldwork in due course.

Best wishes,

Roland

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From: Phil Moore <Phil.Moore@bwbconsulting.com>

Sent: 16 September 2025 14:35

To: Archaeology <Archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Subject: PL/2022/06298 Chicklade Services trench plan and draft WSI

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Hi Roland, BWB are working on this project for the redevelopment of the former service station at Chicklade as archaeological consultant. We have drawn up a draft trench plan based upon design and constraints. We have taken on board your consultation comments (CW122153), and in preparing a draft WSI, the background within the previous assessment which is summarised in the WSI.

We have produced a constraints/trench plan which has removed the area of that was formerly landscaped and developed as it is generally accepted that the archaeological horizon would have been negatively impacted. We also have service information as well. As you would expect there is a network of services within and around the forecourt area. There are other services running parallel to the road including buried services and overheads. I have applied a buffer around these in line with GS6 and HSG47. I have then placed trenches where they can be safely positioned in areas where there appears of be less disturbance and more potential for archaeology, particularly the undated field systems nearby. These are 30m in length and obviously not based on a percentage but where they can be 'shoehorned' in. I can get two trenches in safely along the ditch to the east of the development, it then becomes constrained due to services. This also relates to the path works on both sides, although these ground works are also fairly shallow. There is a bit more room in other areas.

I need to fix the number of trenches to get costs for the client to complete to the work, so would welcome your comments. I'll be reaching out to contractors once that is fixed for costs and availability and can name a contractor on the WSI once we have one.

Happy to talk through Roland, by all means give me a call if needed.

Thanks

Phil Moore

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