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FORMAL DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Installation of Electric Vehicle Charger at a 8 Pound Pill, Corsham, SN139HZ, a Grade II Listed Property Located within a Conservation Area.

1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared in support of an application for the installation of a wall-mounted electric vehicle (EV) charger within an existing car port at a Grade II listed dwelling located within a Conservation Area. The proposal seeks to enable sustainable transport use while ensuring no harm to the architectural or historic significance of the designated heritage assets.

2. Site Context

The property is a Grade II listed building situated within a designated Conservation Area. The car port in which the charger will be located is a later addition, granted planning permission in 2015 and constructed in 2016. As such, the car port does not form part of the building's historic fabric.

The proposed installation area is away from principal elevations and is visually unobtrusive from public viewpoints.

3. Proposed Development

The proposal comprises:

- Installation of a black and grey Octopus tethered EV charger mounted discreetly within the existing car port.
- Routing of cabling from the charger to the existing electricity meter by passing behind the connecting wall and along the soffit behind the guttering of the house. (See image on page 3 of this statement.)
- The installation requires a single drilled penetration through the external wall to access the internal meter location.
- The cable penetration will occur in an area of existing service entry where previous electrical cabling already passes through mortar joints, thereby avoiding disturbance to historic brickwork. Alternatively, a new hole can be drilled through the side of the property and the cable run through the roof space.

- The charger's design is compact, low-profile, and modern, and a document with a photograph of the charger is also being submitted as part of the application.

4. Design Considerations

The design intention is to:

- Minimise any visual impact by locating the charger inside the car port.
- Ensure cabling is fully concealed wherever possible, including behind guttering and behind structural elements of the car port.
- Avoid any loss or alteration to historic fabric beyond a single small penetration in mortar.
- Ensure all visible elements are minimal, neutral in appearance, and reversible where possible.

The charger's dark, unobtrusive colour palette complements the car port without drawing attention.

5. Impact on the Heritage Asset

The proposal has been specifically designed to ensure no harm to the significance of the Grade II listed building or the surrounding Conservation Area. Key mitigation measures include:

- All visible equipment located within a modern, non-listed car port.
- Cabling hidden from sight, preventing visual clutter.
- The only intervention to listed fabric is a small drill hole through mortar where existing cabling already enters the building. This is both minimal and reversible, ensuring the heritage character is preserved.

As a result, the proposal accords with national and local heritage policies requiring that works preserve or enhance the character and appearance of designated heritage assets.

6. Access Considerations

The EV charger will be easily accessible from within the car port and does not affect any pedestrian routes, entrances, or vehicle manoeuvring. No public access is affected.

7. Sustainability

The proposal supports wider sustainability goals and the transition to low-emission transport. The installation will reduce reliance on fossil-fuel vehicles in accordance with national and local environmental policy objectives.

8. Conclusion

The proposed installation is modest, discreet, and sensitively designed to protect the special interest of the Grade II listed building and its Conservation Area setting. The works involve minimal intervention in historic fabric and are fully reversible.