

CASE OFFICER'S REPORT

Application Reference:	PL/2026/00885
Application Type:	Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)
Consultation ends:	20 March 2026
Case officer:	Fiona Webb

Site Address:	Manor Cottage, Swan Road, Pewsey, SN9 5DW
Proposal:	Adding an EV charging point to a building which is in curtilage to a listed building
Recommendation:	Approve with Conditions

SITE DESCRIPTION/CONTEXT

The property is a Grade II listed building located in Pewsey Conservation Area. The proposal relates to a detached curtilage listed outbuilding associated with the property. The building is designated for its special architectural and/or historic interest under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The list entry, for means of identification purposes only, provides the following description:

Farmhouse, now flats. c1704 and C19. Roughcast front on brick, colourwashed to sides, and raised brick dressings. Slate roofs. Three storeys, 3 x 5 bays, central stone doorcase and recessed glazed doors. Twelve-pane sashes with very fine glazing bars and concealed boxes. Fascia has spaced brackets to boxed eaves. Roofs parallel hipped, with large panelled brick stacks at each corner. Interior has through hall with stair. Said to contain traces of an earlier structure.

PROPOSAL

The proposal seeks to install an EV charging point to a building which is in the curtilage of a listed building.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

Proposal / Summary
K/82/0315 STATUS: Closed DECISION: Approve with Conditions DATED: 24 June 1982 – Conversion of existing stores to garages and access road
K/82/0316/LB STATUS: Closed DECISION: Approve with Conditions DATED: 24 June 1982 – Conversion of existing stores to garages

RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND GUIDANCE

Legislation

From the point of view of the historic environment the main statutory tests are set out within the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Section 16 requires that **special regard** be given to the desirability of preserving listed buildings, their settings or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess.

Section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 also requires the Council to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of designated Conservation Areas.

National Policy and Guidance

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out government policy, including in respect of the historic environment.

Section 16 of the NPPF ('Conserving and enhancing the historic environment') sets out the Government's high-level policies concerning heritage and sustainable development.

Paragraphs 213-215 of the NPPF require a balanced approach with any harm which would be caused being weighed against the potential public benefits which might be achieved. Paragraph 210 requires local planning authorities to take account of the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

National Planning Practice Guidance provides guidance on interpreting the NPPF.

Historic England Advice Note 2: Making changes to Heritage Assets, illustrates the application of policies set out in the NPPF in determining applications for LBC (and planning permission).

Wiltshire Core Strategy:

Whilst not directly relevant to listed building consent applications, the below policies give an indication of the Council's approach to development affecting heritage assets:

- Core Policy 57 'Ensuring high quality design and place shaping': A high standard of design is required in all new developments, including extensions, alterations, and changes of use of existing buildings. Development is expected to create a strong sense of place through drawing on the local context and being complementary to the locality.
- Core Policy 58 'Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment' requires that "designated heritage assets and their settings will be conserved, and where appropriate enhanced, in a manner appropriate to their significance."

ISSUES

Impact upon the preservation of the listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural and/or historic interest; impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Pewsey Parish Council – no objection

REPRESENTATIONS

In accordance with the requirements of Section 5(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (as amended) the application for listed building consent was publicised by way of:

- A site notice displayed near the site;
- An advertisement placed in the local press.

These methods were used to inform interested parties and to allow a statutory consultation period of **21 days** for representations to be submitted.

No representations have been received during the consultation period. In accordance with the provisions of the *Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990*, only matters relevant to the consideration of the building's special architectural or historic interest have been taken into account in the assessment of this Listed Building Consent application.

ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, special regard has been given to the significance of the listed building, including its architectural and historic interest, and the desirability of preserving both the building and its setting. Relevant policies within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), particularly Section 16: Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment, have also been taken into account. These policies require that any harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset must be clearly justified and weighed against the public benefits of the proposal.

In order to be acceptable, the application needs to be assessed against the following criteria:

Information considered/submitted

Paragraph 207 requires that applicants describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. This should include sufficient information to provide a clear understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and its setting and the potential impact of any proposals on that significance.

In this case, the application is accompanied by a "Heritage and Design and Access Statement" which provides sufficient information to understand the impact of the proposals and is proportionate to their scope. The requirements of the NPPF are therefore met in this respect.

Paragraph 208 also provides for the local planning authority to make its own assessment of impact and the following heritage recommendations are offered on this basis.

Assessment of significance:

According to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), significance is defined as:

“The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. The interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset’s physical presence, but also from its setting.”

Historic England further categorises significance into four key values:

- *Evidential* – the potential of the asset to yield evidence about past human activity.
- *Historic* – the ways in which the asset illustrates aspects of history.
- *Aesthetic* – the sensory and design qualities of the asset.
- *Communal* – the meanings and associations attached to the asset by people.

In this case the significance of the main building lies largely with its historic fabric and architecture - its form, layout and architectural expression/detailing and use of high-quality design materials which have significant aesthetic and architectural interest and which contribute to the character of the conservation area. The outbuilding is a more low key single storey vernacular structure with soft red/orange brickwork under a tile roof and forms part of the enclosure of the garden areas together with a high boundary wall.

Impact of proposals on the significance and setting of the building/structure:

Understanding the impact of proposed works on a listed building requires a careful and proportionate assessment of how those changes affect the asset’s heritage significance and its setting. This includes both the physical alterations to the building itself and any changes to its spatial or visual relationship with surrounding structures or spaces.

The significance of a heritage asset is not static; it is shaped by its architectural, historic, and communal values, and by how these are experienced in context. Therefore, any intervention must be considered in light of the asset’s identified significance, with attention given to both potential harm and benefits. Benefits may include repairs that support the long-term conservation of the building, improved energy performance, or enhanced public access and understanding.

This assessment is grounded in the statutory duty under Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, which requires special regard to be given to the

desirability of preserving the building and its features of special interest. It is also informed by national policy, particularly paragraphs 199–208 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and relevant local heritage policies and guidance.

The proposed works involve the installation of an EV charging point on the side wall of a curtilage listed outbuilding.

The outbuilding appears to date from c.1900 and is a single storey outbuilding of brick construction.

The proposed location for the EV charging point is on a side wall of the outbuilding. It is proposed to attach the EV charging point at approximately 1 metre in height with the charger attached by being drilled through the brickwork. The charge point would be in the colour black, and would be approximately 35 x 17 x 16 cm in size.

In heritage terms the proposed works are minor and would be located in a visually concealed position on the side wall of a curtilage listed. The charge point would not harm the significance of the listed building or have a harmful impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area.

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CONCLUSION

The NPPF confirms that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). It makes clear that any harm to a designated heritage asset requires clear and convincing justification.

As such, the impact of the proposals on the heritage assets will be neutral and the requirements of current conservation legislation, policy or guidance are considered to be met and there is therefore no objection to the approval of the application.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Listed Building Consent be GRANTED, subject to the following conditions:

1. WM13 – Approved Plans:

Location Plan – dated 20/02/2026

Existing Elevation – dated 17/02/2026

Proposed Elevation – dated 17/02/2026

EV Charging Point Specification - dated 17/02/2026

2. WA5 – Time Limit - LBC Commence within 3 years

Conditions

- 1 The works for which Listed Building Consent is hereby granted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this consent.

REASON: To comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 The works hereby granted consent shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents: Location Plan – dated 20/02/2026
Existing Elevation – dated 17/02/2026 Proposed Elevation – dated 17/02/2026
EV Charging Point Specification - dated 17/02/2026

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of the significance of the heritage assets and their setting.