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Dear Sir/Madam,

**APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MOTOR FUEL GROUP
MORRISONS, STAINERS WAY, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6RR**

On behalf of our client, Motor Fuel Group (MFG), please find enclosed a planning application for the creation of an EV charging zone with canopy, sub-station enclosure, LV panel, meter cabinet and associated works at Morrisons, Stainers Way, Chippenham.

The following documents are submitted in support of this application:

- Completed Application Form
- Application drawings comprising:
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-LP - Location Plan
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-BP - Block Plan
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-20 - Existing Site Layout
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-21 - Proposed Site Layout.
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-26 - EV Charger Details
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-27 - Substation Details
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-28 - LV Details
 - Chippenham - 14313-2348-29 - Meter Details

Rational for the Proposal

The UK has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 28% by 2035 and moving to Net Zero by 2050. As part of the Net Zero strategy (October 2021), the UK Government have placed a new emphasis on electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the UK. As part of this drive, it is essential that there is a comprehensive and competitive EV charging network in place.

The Department for Transport published 'Taking Charge: The electric vehicle infrastructure strategy'¹, which notes that the UK Government expects around 300,000 public chargers as a minimum by 2030 and their goal is

¹ [Taking charge: the electric vehicle infrastructure strategy \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

² Electric vehicle charging device statistics: January 2026 - (: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/electric-vehicle-public-charging-infrastructure-statistics-january-2026/electric-vehicle-public-charging-infrastructure-statistics-january-2026>)

to ensure these chargepoints are installed ahead of demand, inspiring confidence in drivers who have not yet made the switch.

The latest figures (as of 1 January 2026) shows that there were 87,796 public electric vehicle charging devices installed in the UK, an increase of just 1,775 since October 2025. At the current pace, just 116,196 would be installed by 2030, with the target of 300,000 not being met until 30 years later. To meet the target in time, 13,263 chargers would need to be installed each quarter between now and 2030 – approximately a 650% increase over build rate. At present, it is understood that the uneven spread of EV charging facilities significantly hinders the take-up of electric vehicles, due to potential servicing constraints. En-route charging for longer journeys is deemed crucial to support the switch to EV and reduce concerns about charge ‘range anxiety’.

MFG is the UK’s largest independent forecourt operator with over 900 sites offering a dual-fuel strategy, convenient retail and ‘food to go’. For the abovementioned reasons, MFG are looking to roll-out an extensive supply of EV charging facilities at existing Morrisons sites across the UK to diversify their existing offer, with the aspiration to make it as easy to charge your vehicle as re-fuelling with petrol or diesel. The aspiration of MFG is to provide access to convenient and affordable charging, regardless of where the driver lives.

Key Considerations

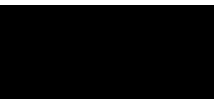
MFG’s proposal to install new EV charging points at the Morrisons site should be considered positively in light of the national context and the demand for the necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicle use across the UK. The proposals would contribute positively to the existing EV charging network, to the benefit of those utilising the strategic highway network surrounding the application site. The proposals will enhance the existing offer at the site, without compromising the efficient operation of the facility.

The proposals do not raise any concerns regarding adverse impact on amenity / conflict in terms of surrounding land uses. The proposed area will be well-lit and does not raise any concerns from anti-social behaviour / natural surveillance perspective.

In terms of design, the proposed EV charging area has been carefully planned to positively integrate with the existing site operation. The charging facility offers a modern design approach, which is uncluttered and fit for purpose. The proposals will be Equalities Act compliant, offering dropped kerbs and other associated measures to ensure equal ease of access for all.

We trust that the application is in order and that it can be processed accordingly. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss the above please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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