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**Date: 4 March 2020**

Dear Councillor

**Notification of a Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for  
Regeneration, Housing and Transport**

The attached non-key decision has been taken by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport with regards to:

- **Proposed Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging points – formal consultation**

and will be implemented at **noon on Monday 9 March 2020** unless a call-in request is received.

The [call-in](#) form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

**Amy Dumitrescu  
Democracy Services**

## NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

See over for instructions on how to use this form – all parts of this form must be completed. Type all information in the boxes. The boxes will expand to accommodate extra lines where needed.

### 1. Title of report and reason for exemption (if any)

Proposed Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging points – formal consultation

### 2. Decision maker

Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet member for regeneration, housing and transport

### 3. Date of Decision

4 March 2020

### 4. Date report made available to decision maker

26 February 2020

### 5. Date report made available to the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and of any relevant scrutiny panel

### 6. Decision

- a) Notes the result of the statutory consultation carried out between 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 on the proposal to introduce electric vehicle charging points at the following locations
- | Street       | Postcode | EVCP's |
|--------------|----------|--------|
| Worple Road  | SW19 2SJ | 1      |
| The Broadway | SW19 7AP | 1      |
- b) Notes that no objection was received during the statutory consultation.
- c) Agrees to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of EV Rapid charging points at the above identified locations.
- D) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

### 7. Reason for decision

- 1) To provide for the delivery of a network of Electrical Vehicle Recharging Points (EVRPs) across Merton and to increase the number available for users of electric cars
- 2) Merton has declared climate emergency and providing more charge points is to encourage usage of electric cars which will reduce emission and improve air quality.

**8. Documents relied on in addition to officer report**

None

**9. Declarations of Interest**

None

**10. Publication of this decision and call in provision**

Send this form and the officer report\* to [democratic.services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@merton.gov.uk) for publication. Publication will take place within two days. The call-in deadline will be at Noon on the third working day following publication.



**Councillor Martin Whelton**

**Cabinet Member for regeneration, housing and transport**

**4 March, 2020**

## Delegated Report

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Agenda item:** N/A

**Ward:** Hillside and Dundonald

**Subject:** Proposed Electric Rapid Vehicle Charging points.

**Lead officer:** Chris Lee, Director of Environment & Regeneration

**Lead member:** Councillor Martin Whelton Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport.

**Contact Officer:** Paul Atie Email: paul.atie@merton.gov.uk

**Key decision reference number:** N/A

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member notes and considers the content of this report and approves the following recommendations:

- a) Notes the result of the statutory consultation carried out between 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 on the proposal to introduce rapid electric vehicle charging points at the following locations:-

Street	Postcode	EVCP's
Worple Road	SW19 2SJ	1
The Broadway	SW19 7AP	1

- b) Note that no representations were received during the statutory consultation period.
- c) Agrees to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMO's) and the implementation of rapid electric vehicle charging points at the above locations (see Appendix 1 for details).
- d) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the undertaking of the statutory consultation and its outcome on the Councils' proposals to introduce rapid electric vehicle charging points at the above locations
- 1.2 It seeks approval to implement the above recommendations.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Despite government grants, the uptake of battery electric (BEV) or Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) has been slower than originally anticipated. This slow take up has in part been due to higher purchase costs, the variety of vehicles available and range anxiety (the concern that a vehicle might run out of power during a journey). However, vehicle manufacturers are now offering a much-improved selection of electric/PHEV vehicles to customers.

2.2 The recent Society of Motor Manufactures and Traders (SMMT) data below shows a marked acceleration in the numbers of BEV and PHEV.

Year to Date	YTD 2020 (Jan 2020)	YTD 2019	% change	Market share 2020	Market share 2019
Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV)	4054	1334	203.9%	2.7%	0.8%
Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)	4788	2268	111.1%	3.2%	1.4%

2.3 London is at the forefront of the zero-emission revolution with more than 20,000 electric vehicles, 1,700 electric taxis. Rapid chargers are specifically beneficial to high mileage users, such as taxis and commercial vehicles.

2.4 Transport for London has set a target to deliver 300 rapid charge stations across London, with the eventual aim of delivering 20 rapid charge stations per borough. There are current five rapid (50kw) chargers in Merton, sited on the Transport for London Road Network.

2.5 The Government has recently announced its intention to bring forward the ban on the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars to 2035 from 2040.

2.6 London introduced the Ultra Low Emission Zone in April 2019, with further proposals in place to widen it to the North and South Circular roads in 2021. All taxis and new Private Hire Vehicles (newly-licensed) will also be required to be zero emission capable (ZEC),

2.7 A key objective of the Mayor's Transport Strategy is to facilitate the delivery of a network of Electrical Vehicle Recharging Points (EVRPs) across London. This is reinforced by documents such as the London Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan

2.8 Following the formal announcement of a climate emergency. The Council is expected present an Action Plan to Cabinet in March 2020. The plan is likely to endorse an accelerated rollout of electric vehicle charging point infrastructure. This new plan will supplement the current air quality Action Plan.

2.9 Analysis undertaken by TfL suggests that by the end of 2025 London could need 2,300 - 4,100 rapid chargers, and 33,700 — 47,500 slow to fast chargers (3kw — 7kw). Merton currently has around 143 fast (7kw) chargers and 5 rapid chargers (50Kw).

2.10 The Council has ambitions to ensure that rapid chargers serve all of its town centers.

### **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Prior to a statutory consultation, the above locations did undergo the planning approval process. During the planning stage, there were objections for one of the sites. These objections subsequently addressed. The statutory consultation on the proposals was undertaken between the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.
- 3.2 The consultation included the erection of street notices on nearby lamp columns and the publication of the Council's intentions in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette. Notices were also distributed to property owners adjacent to the proposed charging points. Plans were made available at the Link, Merton Civic Centre and on the Council's website.
- 3.3 No objections to the proposals during the statutory consultation period were received.
- 3.4 Based on the public consultation responses, it is recommended that the TMO be made to implement both rapid chargers.

### **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Do nothing. This would be contrary to the Supreme Court ruling that the government must take immediate action to cut air pollution after the UK breached EU limits for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) in the air. The Government is now legally bound to take urgent action.
- 4.2 There are several different approaches that the council could adopt to the provision of charging infrastructure including-
  - Purchase and maintain its own independent network of EVCP's
  - Form a partnership with another EVCP provider.
- 4.3 The Council's partnership approach offers the council best value at a low financial risk in a rapidly changing and innovative market place. Most boroughs no longer have the resources nor technical expertise to operate independently.

### **5. TIMETABLE**

- 5.1 Following a decision to proceed with implementation of the proposed rapid charging points and publication of the Cabinet Member decision, the made traffic management orders usually follow within 6 weeks. This will include the erection of the notices on nearby lamp columns in the area, the publication of the made Orders in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette. The relevant documents will be made available at the Link, Civic Centre and on the Council's website. Installation will follow soon after.

### **6. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Following a separate procurement process undertaken on behalf of the Council by TfL. The contract and licence has been awarded to Chargemaster Ltd, who will install, operate and maintain the equipment.
- 6.2 The contract will run for 8 years. Investment costs would be recovered through membership fees and user charges. "The charger would support pay as you go". The council responsibilities is limited to progressing the necessary Traffic Management Orders, enforcement and highway maintenance. The cost of providing the necessary power supply to the rapid charger will be met by Transport for London.

- 6.3 The cost of making the making the necessary traffic orders will be met from the Councils Local Implementation Plan budget.

## **7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 6 and Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order.
- 7.2 The Council has discretion as to any decision to hold a public inquiry before deciding whether to make a traffic management order or to modify the published draft order. A public inquiry should be held where it would provide further information, which would assist the Council in reaching a decision.

## **8. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Council carries out careful consultation to ensure that all road users are given a fair opportunity to air their views and express their needs.
- 8.2 Bodies representing motorists, including commuters are included in the statutory consultation required for draft traffic management and similar orders.
- 8.3 The implementation of the proposal aims to assist those with existing and future needs.

## **9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 The road safety implications/risks during installation and maintenance have been considered at each stage of the detailed design process.
- 10.1 The risk of not implementing the proposals would be detrimental to Council's obligations in addressing air quality and emerging climate change action plan

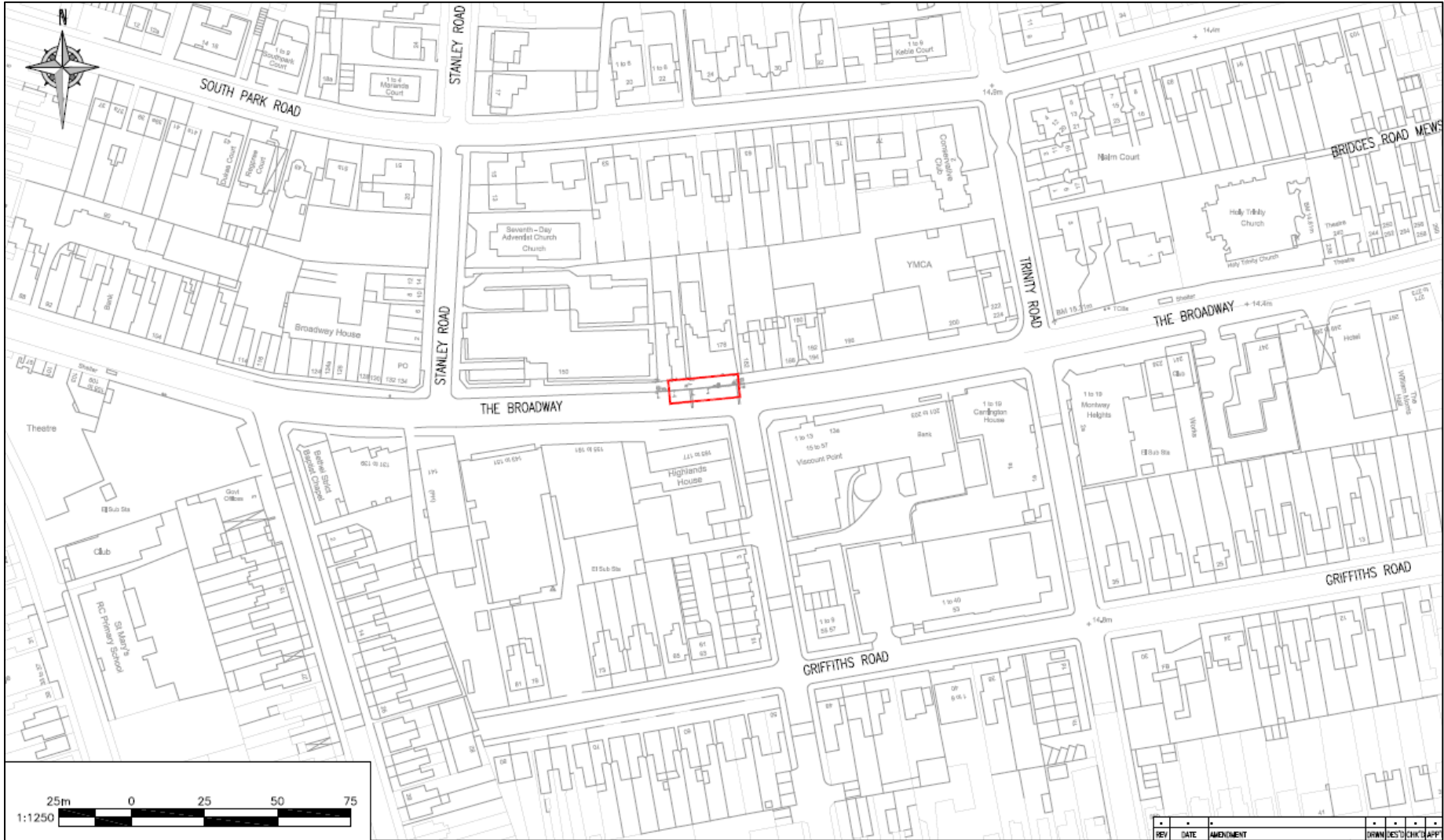
## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Drawing ELECT 001- 012 batch 5

Appendix 2 - Statutory consultation notice to homeowners and site Notice.

**Appendix 1 - Drawing No.Z100-003-001**





**KEY:**  
 APPLICATION SITE

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**NOTES:**  
 1. ALL EXISTING IN GREY.  
 2. ALL DIMENSIONS IN METRES UNLESS SHOWN.  
 3. DO NOT SCALE FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES.  
 4. LAYOUTS ARE A COMBINATION OF TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY AND ORDNANCE SURVEY.  
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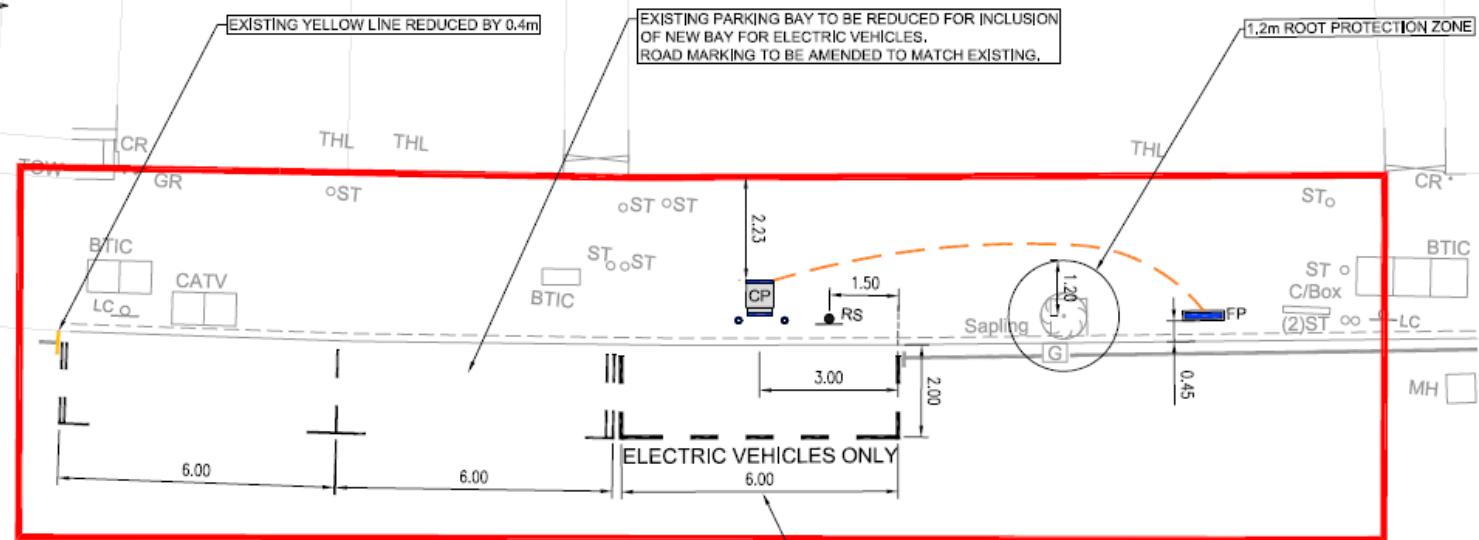


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DESIGNED BY	KOL
CHECKED BY	JEG
APPROVED BY	AYA
DATE	24/10/2019
PURPOSE	PLANNING
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REVISION	-

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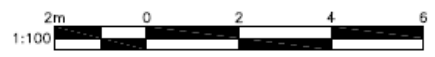


THE BROADWAY



PROPOSED 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE ONLY' BAY, 6.0m IN LENGTH, 2.00m WIDE.

APPLICATION SITE EXTENTS AREA = APPROX. 233m<sup>2</sup>



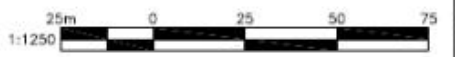
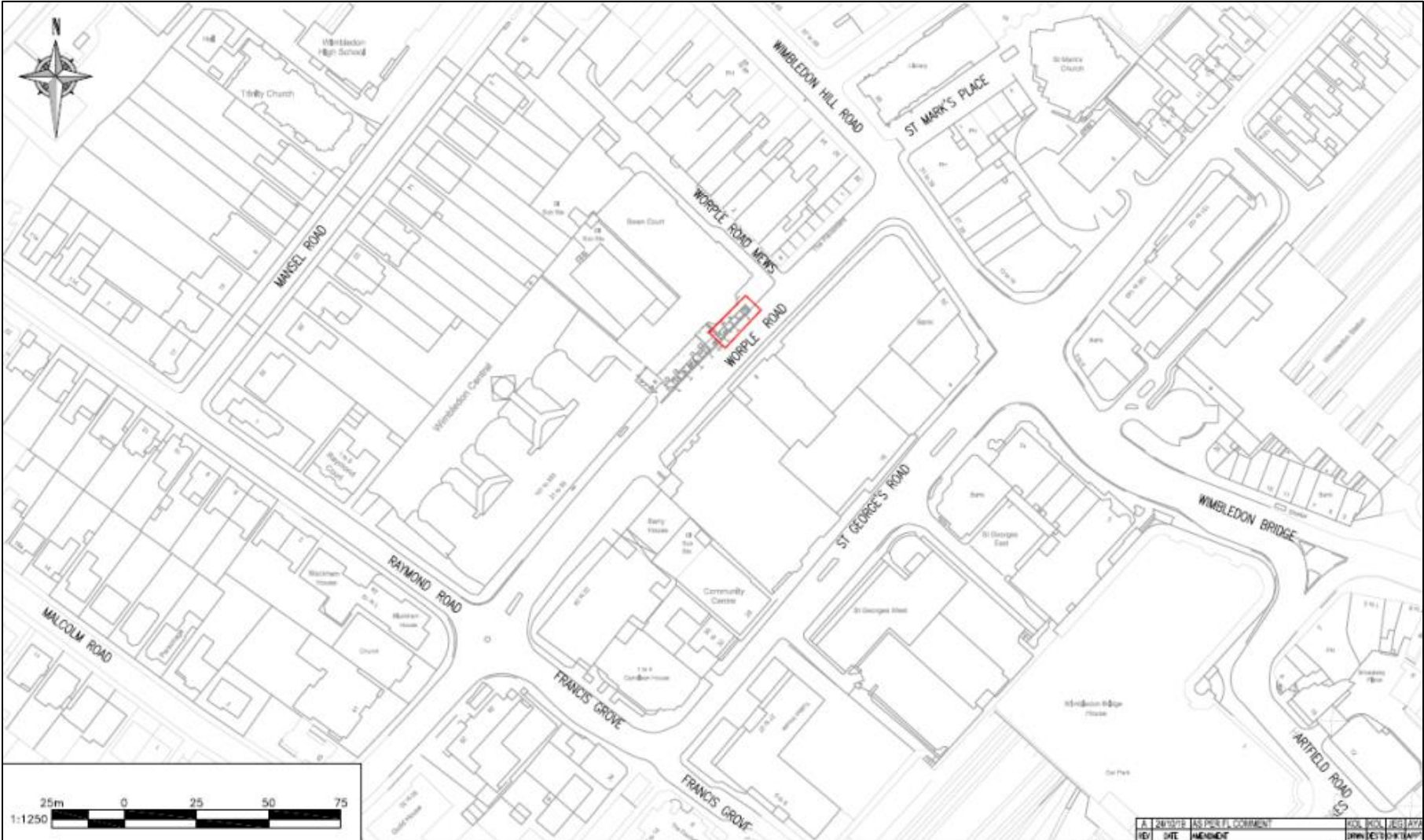
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  - PROPOSED BAY ROAD MARKINGS AS PER UK 1028.4 (100MM WIDTH, 600MM LONG WITH 60MM GAPS, TEXT HEIGHT 350MM.
  - PROPOSED YELLOW ROAD MARKING
  - CP PROPOSED RAPID CHARGE UNIT
  - FP PROPOSED TYPE 2 FEEDER PILLAR
  - RS PROPOSED ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING POINT SIGN ON NEW POST
  - PROPOSED NAL X-LAST BOLLARD
  - FLOW OF TRAFFIC
  - EXISTING ROAD MARKING

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  7. MINIMUM OF 2.5M FROM POSITION OF PROPOSED RAPID CHARGE UNIT TO ANY EXISTING HIGHWAY ASSETS WITH POWER SUPPLY.



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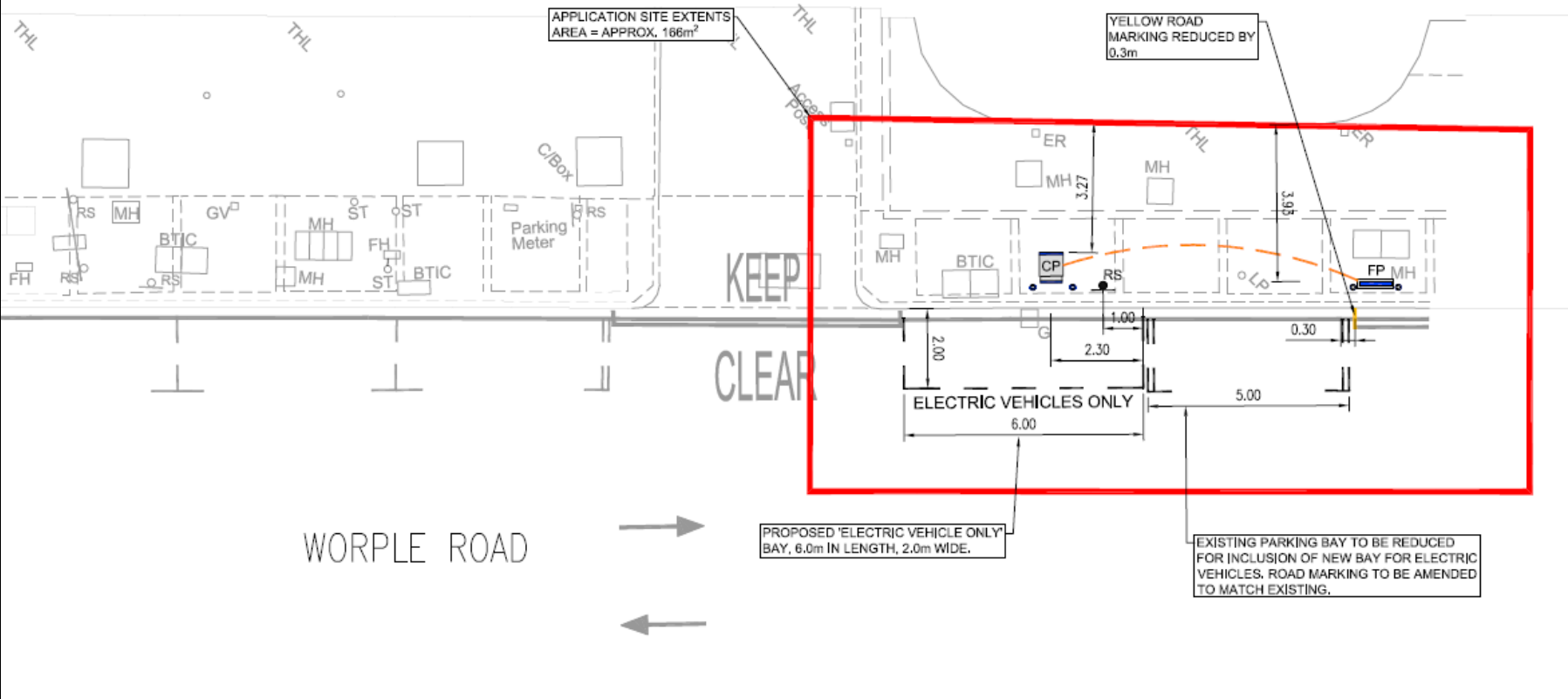
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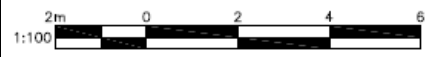
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WORPLE ROAD



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## **Appendix 2 - Statutory consultation letter to business**



**LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON  
AND  
CHARGEMASTER LIMITED**

**LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON ACT 2013**

**RAPID CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

**THE BROADWAY AND WORPLE ROAD, SW19**

1. The Council of the London Borough of Merton and Chargemaster Limited hereby give notice under section 17 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2013 of the proposals for Chargemaster Limited to provide and operate rapid charging apparatus as part of the Chargemaster Network for electric vehicles in the streets specified in paragraph 2 of this Notice.
2. It is proposed to install rapid charging points for electric vehicles at the following locations:-

**The Broadway, SW19;** the north side, one rapid charging point and one feeder pillar adjacent to Nos 168 to 176 The Broadway; and

**Worple Road, SW19;** the north-west side, one rapid charging point and one feeder pillar adjacent to Nos. 11 to 17 Worple Road.

3. Any person desiring to comment on the proposals should send a statement in writing of their representation or objection and the grounds thereof, to the Environment and Regeneration Department at the Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX, or alternatively by email to [trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk](mailto:trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk) quoting reference **ES/EVRAPID**, no later than 21 February 2020.

Dated 23 January 2020.

Paul McGarry  
Head of futureMerton  
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## Merton Council - call-in request form

### 1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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### 2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

### 3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

**4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)**

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

**5. Documents requested**

**6. Witnesses requested**

**7. Signed (not required if sent by email): .....**

**8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution**

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor’s email account (no signature required) to [democratic.services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@merton.gov.uk)
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy Services on

020 8545 3864