

Committee: Cabinet Member Report

Date: 06th February 2024

Agenda item: N/A

Wards: Various

Subject: EV bays - Statutory consultation results – batch 11

Lead officer: Dan Jones, Environment, Civic Pride & Climate Development

Lead member: Councillor Stephen Alambritis, Cabinet Member for Transport

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

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Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member considers the issues detailed in this report and:

- A) Notes the outcome of the statutory consultation that was undertaken between 11th January and 2nd February 2024 to implement the following EV parking bays. All plans are attached in appendix 1.

Table 1

<p>Hillside Ward</p> <p>Zone W1 25 Denmark Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19 4HQ (LC7) Salisbury Road (near Worple Road) Wimbledon, SW19 4EZ (LC1) Tabor Grove (near St George's Road) Wimbledon, SW19 4EA (LC10) 30 Thornton Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4HS (LC9)</p> <p>Zone W2 51 Compton Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7QA (LC7) Opp 49 Woodside, Wimbledon, SW19 7EG (LC14)</p> <p>Zone W6 Darlaston Road (near Worple Road) Wimbledon, SW19 4LE (LC2) Darlaston Road (side 14 Edge Hill) Wimbledon, SW19 4LJ (LC9) 2 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LP (LC2) Opp 7 Pentney Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4JE (LC2)</p> <p>Wimbledon Park Ward</p> <p>Zone P3 Haslemere Avenue (near Acuba Road) Wimbledon Park, SW18 4RR (LC1)</p>
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- B) Considers the comments received from Braemar Avenue and Haslemere Avenue which are set out in section 3.4 of this report and agrees to proceed with making the Traffic Management Order and the implementation of the above proposed EV parking bays.
- C) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the result of the statutory consultation that was undertaken between 11th January and 2nd February 2024 to implement the above EV parking bays adjacent to the existing lamp column EV charging infrastructure. All plans are attached in appendix 1.
- 1.2 It seeks approval to proceed with the making of the Traffic Management Order and the implementation of the proposed EV bays.

2.0 DETAILS

- 2.1 Following the allocation of funding from the Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles (OZEV) for On Street Residential Charge Point scheme, the Council started to roll out its EV lamp column charging programme during 2021. The first phase of the programme was to install the required equipment that allows a lamp column to be used to charge an electric vehicle. At the start of the programme, it was recognised that there would come a time where parking bays would need to be allocated to the lamp columns to ensure that access can be maintained. As envisaged, those with electric vehicles continue to contact the Council regarding lack of access to these charge points.
- 2.2 To progress phase 2 of the programme (the installation of the parking bays) the Council secured an additional resource to assess each site and prepare the necessary plans for the purpose of the statutory consultation. Given the number of locations, it has been necessary to progress this aspect of the project in batches and this is the tenth batch.
- 2.3 Following Cabinet Member approval in January 2024, a statutory consultation for the tenth batch of the EV bays (as set out in table 1) was undertaken between 11th January and 2nd February 2024.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The statutory consultation was carried out between 11th January and 2nd February 2024. A Notice of the Council's intention to introduce the proposed measures were published in a local newspaper (Wimbledon and Wandsworth Times) and the London Gazette and posted on lamp columns with EV chargers. A copy of the proposed Traffic Management Orders (TMOs), a plan and the Council's Statement of Reasons were also made available at Merton Link.
- 3.2 All statutory bodies were informed of the statutory consultation.
- 3.3 All Ward Councillors were informed of the statutory consultation.
- 3.4 The statutory consultation resulted in the following comments: one comment from Braemar Avenue; and one objection from Haslemere Avenue, originally made in response to a previous statutory consultation.
 - 3.4.1 Comment from Braemar Avenue, London SW19
*I am responding to the ongoing consultation that includes Wimbledon Park. Braemar Avenue still has no charger - I have gone full electric and there is still no charger on my street.
There is a Source London charger on Melrose Avenue that has been out of order for four months and Source London are still declining to fix it despite endless requests, complaints and emails to them from many residents.*

Please can you urgently include Braemar Avenue in Batch 11, or include Braemar Avenue in Batch

12 please.

Having an electric car in Braemar Avenue is proving difficult and people on my road are now saying they will not go electric until they see proper chargers installed.

Not Source London chargers as they are proving an unreliable and, in my experience, untrustworthy business partner.

Officer's comments

The comment received from Braemar Avenue refers to a request for an EV charge point and is not in response to the statutory consultation for the EV bay. The request has therefore been forwarded to the relevant officer and will be addressed separately.

- 3.4.2 Comment from Haslemere Avenue. This comment was received to a statutory consultation that was carried out previously (not in response to this latest consultation)

Recently your Borough has proposed a parking place for lamp post charging of electric vehicles on Haslemere Avenue in the Borough, removing a much needed parking place for residents. Having read the proposal, attached to the lamp post, I am confused, as the Schedule, stated on the proposal letter states that the parking place is on Haslemere Avenue, SW19, this is not the correct post code for the parking place, and therefore I do not believe the notice relates to this bay. It is my understanding that the order is therefore invalid. Either the EV parking placement is removed, or the correct proposal needs to be put in place, with residents allowed an appropriate time to comments. Secondly this notice was put in place significantly after 24 November. If I or any resident of Haslemere Avenue receive a PCN for parking in this bay as it stands, it will be appealed

Officer's comments

The EV bay in Haslemere Avenue SW18 was subject to a previous statutory consultation which resulted in the above objection; however, due an error with the postcode on the Notice which was erected on 5/10/23 at 09:18 in Haslemere Avenue SW18, it became necessary to repeat the statutory consultation showing the correct postcode. As part of the statutory consultation a Notice was erected on 11th January 2024. No further comments have been received during this latest statutory consultation.

In response to the objection to the previous statutory consultation, there is an existing EV infrastructure that needs to be accessible to EV owners to charge their vehicles. It is, therefore, essential that there is an EV bay implemented adjacent to the charge point. The bay can only be used by a permit holder during the CPZ operational periods which means it would be a resident who is already parking in the zone who would be using the bay. Therefore, it is not considered that there would be loss of parking to residents.

- 3.5 The concept of the EV programme is to provide and maximise the required EV infrastructure across the borough which will support the growing EV ownership for the local community.
- 3.6 As part of the EV programme, the Council has tested all the lamp posts in Merton for their suitability and charge-points have been installed at these locations, including Haslemere Avenue
- 3.7 EV bays serve residents in the area who are already parking locally. Therefore, there is no change in parking capacity overall; the dedicated bay simply ensures that an electric vehicle can access the charging point at any time and allows it sufficient time to charge.

4. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In the absence of any objections to this statutory consultation, and in line with Council's objectives, it is recommended that the Traffic Management Orders are made and the

proposed EV parking bays are implemented.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 Not to implement the EV bays; this however would prevent those with an electric vehicle to gain access to the lamp column to charge which would effectively make the EV lamp column redundant.

6. TIMETABLE

- 6.1 The permanent Traffic Management Orders will be made as soon after Cabinet Member decision is published and cleared Call-In; and the bays will be implemented soon after.

7. FINANCIAL RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 All associated costs are covered by Capital budget allocated to Parking Management 2024/25.

8. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 6 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 experimental order.
- 8.2 In cases where footway parking or partial footway parking is considered necessary and feasible, there is a requirement for footway exemption. The Council can authorise parking on the footway under s.15 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1974.
- 8.3 The Council has discretion as to whether or not to hold a public inquiry before deciding whether or not to make a traffic management order. A public inquiry should be held where it would provide further information, which would assist the Council in reaching a decision.
- 8.4 The Council's powers to make Traffic Management Orders arise mainly under sections 6, 45, 46, 122 and 124 and schedules 1 and 9 of the RTRA 1984.

9. HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHENSION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 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. The scheme includes special consideration for the needs of people with blue badges, local residents, and businesses without prejudice toward charitable and religious facilities.
- 9.2 Bodies representing motorists, including commuters are included in the statutory consultation required for draft traffic management and similar orders published in the local paper and London Gazette.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 N/A

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 N/A

12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

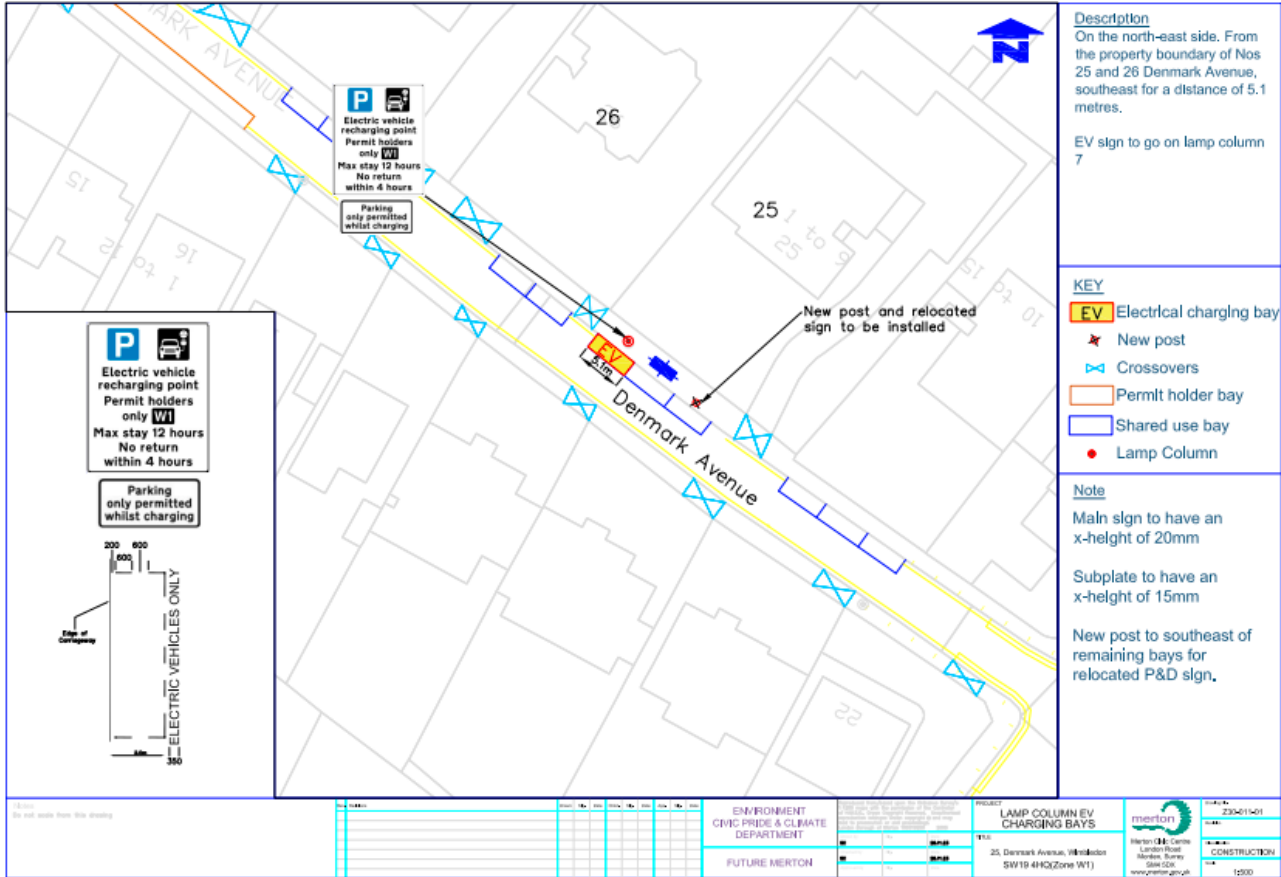
- 12.1 The Council's EV Programme aims to promote and facilitate the use of electric vehicles instead of fossil fueled vehicles; it is, therefore, necessary to provide the proposed infrastructure necessary to meet the charging needs of EVs.

13. APPENDICES

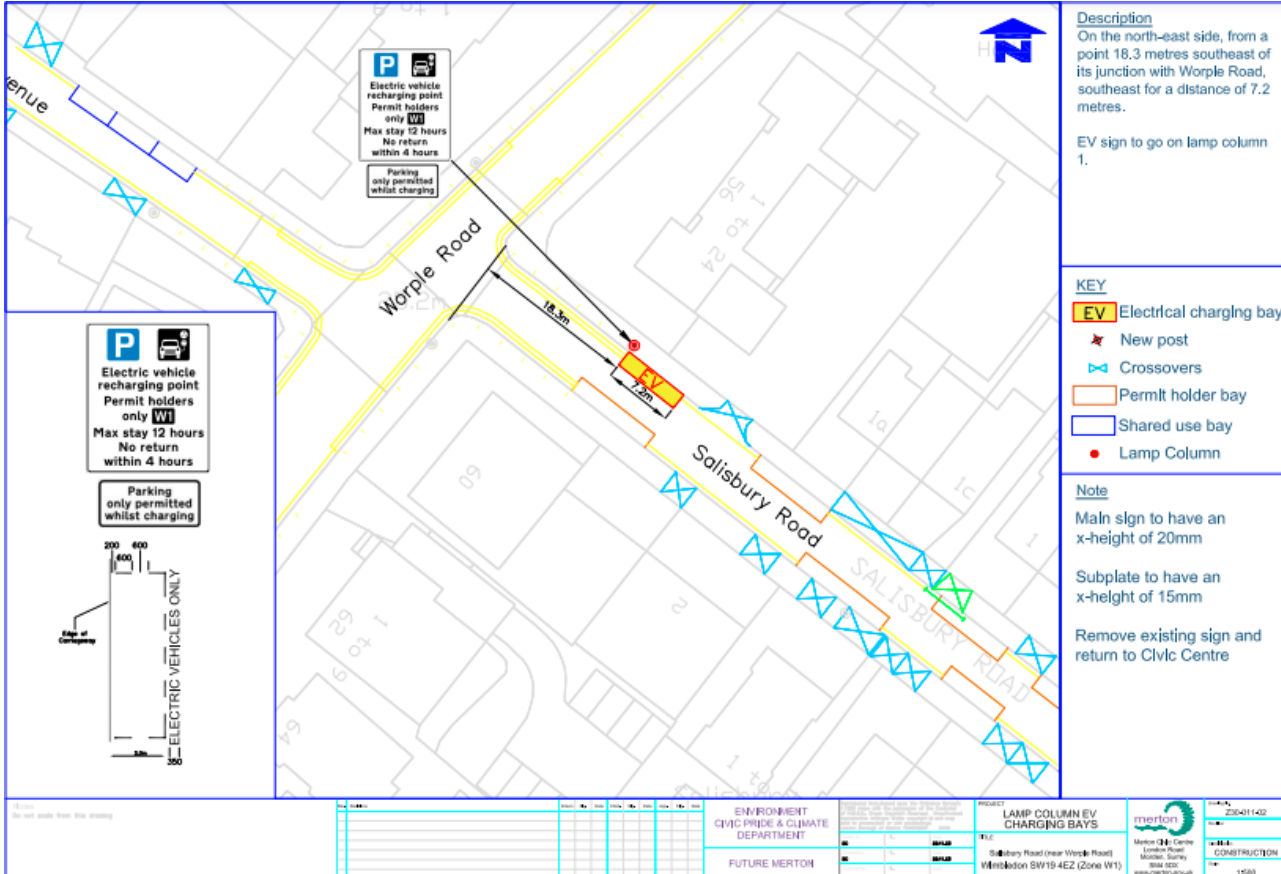
- 13.1 Appendix 1 - Location plans

**Hillside Ward
Zone W1**

25 Denmark Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19 4HQ (LC7)



Salisbury Road (near Worple Road) Wimbledon, SW19 4EZ (LC1)



Tabor Grove (near St George's Road) Wimbledon, SW19 4EA (LC10)

Description
On the northeast side. From a point 14 metres southeast of its junction with St George's Road, southeast for a distance of 5.6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 4.

KEY
 EV Electrical charging bay
 ★ New post
 ⚡ Crossovers
 Permit holder bay
 Shared use bay
 Lamp Column

Note
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm
Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm
New post with relocated permit holder sign to northwest.

ENVIRONMENT CIVIC PRIDE & CLIMATE DEPARTMENT	PROJECT LAMP COLUMN EV CHARGING BAYS	DATE 23/04/23
FUTURE MERTON	FILE Tabor Grove (near St George's Road) Wimbledon SW19 4EA (Zone W1)	CONSTRUCTION
		1200

30 Thornton Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4HS (LC9)

Description
On the northeast side. From a point 1.5 metres northwest of the common boundary between Nos 30 and 32 Thornton Hill, northwest for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 9.

KEY
 EV Electrical charging bay
 ★ New post
 ⚡ Crossovers
 Permit holder bay
 Shared use bay
 Lamp Column

Note
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm
Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm
New post with new permit holder sign to northwest.

ENVIRONMENT CIVIC PRIDE & CLIMATE DEPARTMENT	PROJECT LAMP COLUMN EV CHARGING BAYS	DATE 23/04/23
FUTURE MERTON	FILE 30 Thornton Hill Wimbledon SW19 4HS (Zone W1)	CONSTRUCTION
		1200

Zone W2

51 Compton Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7QA (LC7)

Description
On the northwest side. From a point 0.4 metres southwest of the property boundary of Nos 49 and 51 Compton Road, southwest for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 7 as a splitter plate. Arrow right for the disabled bay sign. Arrow left for the EV bay.

KEY
EV Electrical charging bay
 ★ New post
 ⇄ Crossovers
 Permit holder bay
 Shared use bay
 Lamp Column

Note
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm
Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm
Remove existing plate and return to 9th floor Civic Centre

PROJECT	LAMP COLUMN EV CHARGING BAYS	DATE	22/01/2023
CLIENT	EMBRIMENT CIVIC PRIDE & CLIMATE DEPARTMENT	STATUS	CONSTRUCTION
LOCATION	51 Compton Road, Wimbledon SW19 4QA (Zone W2)	SCALE	1:250
DESIGNER	FUTURE MERTON	APPROVED BY	

Opp 49 Woodside, Wimbledon, SW19 7EG (LC14)

Description
On the northwest side. Opposite a point 0.8 metres southwest of the property boundary of Nos 49 and 50 Woodside, northeast for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 14.

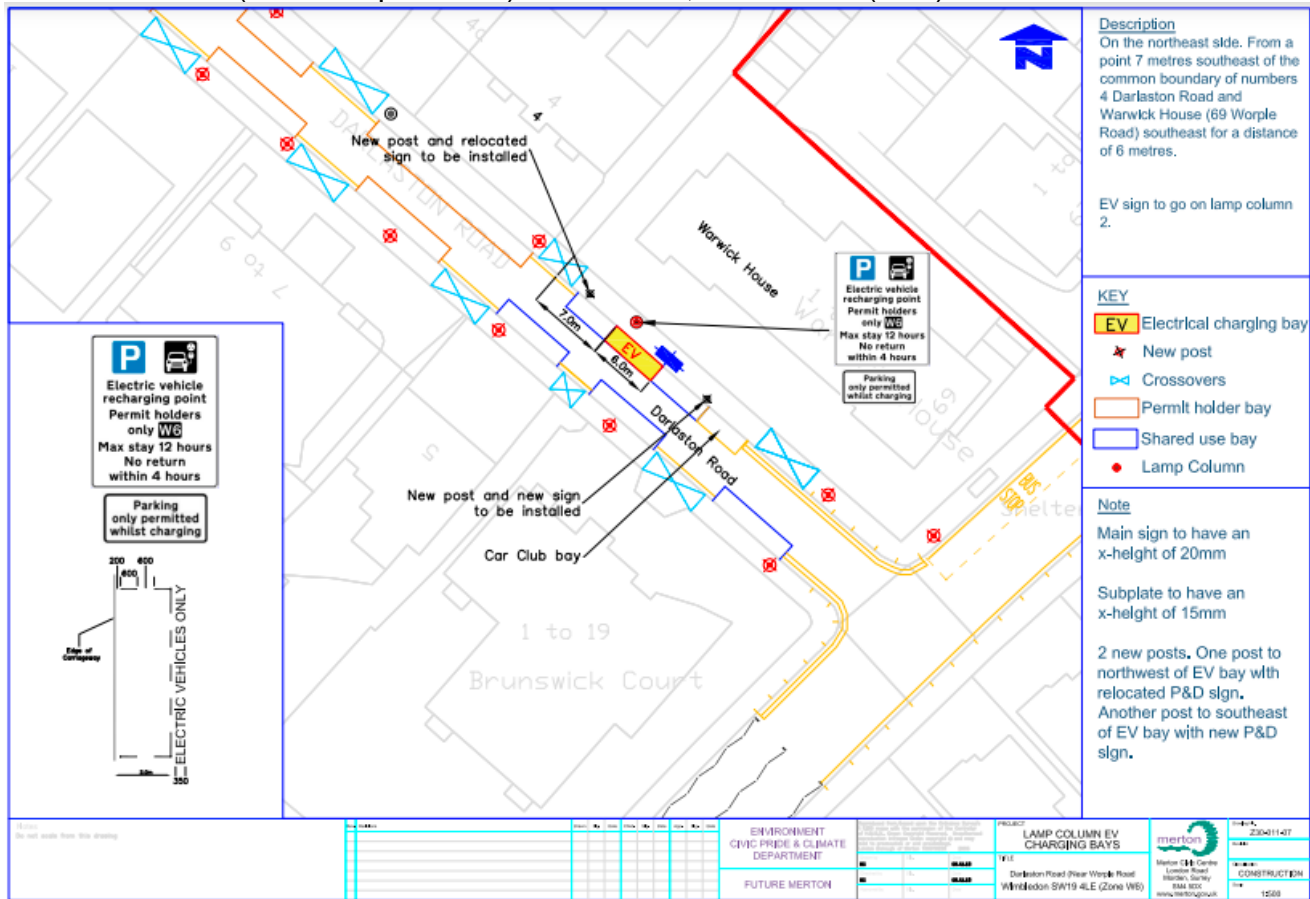
KEY
EV Electrical charging bay
 ★ New post
 ⇄ Crossovers
 Permit holder bay
 Shared use bay
 Lamp Column

Note
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm
Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm
New post to go at end of permit holder bay to northeast with permit holder sign for Zone W2

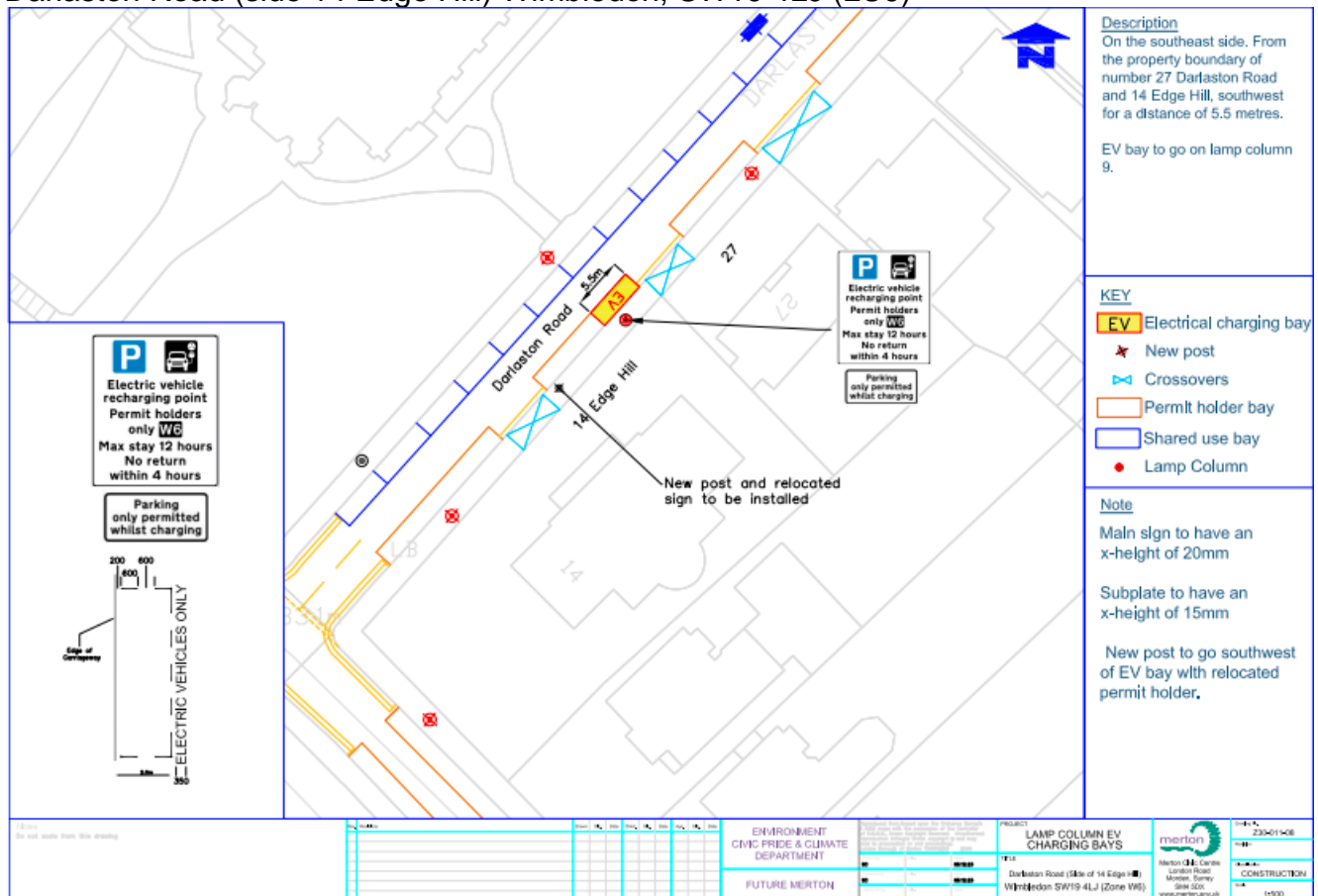
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LOCATION	Opp 49 Woodside, Wimbledon SW19 7EG (Zone W2)	SCALE	1:250
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Zone W6

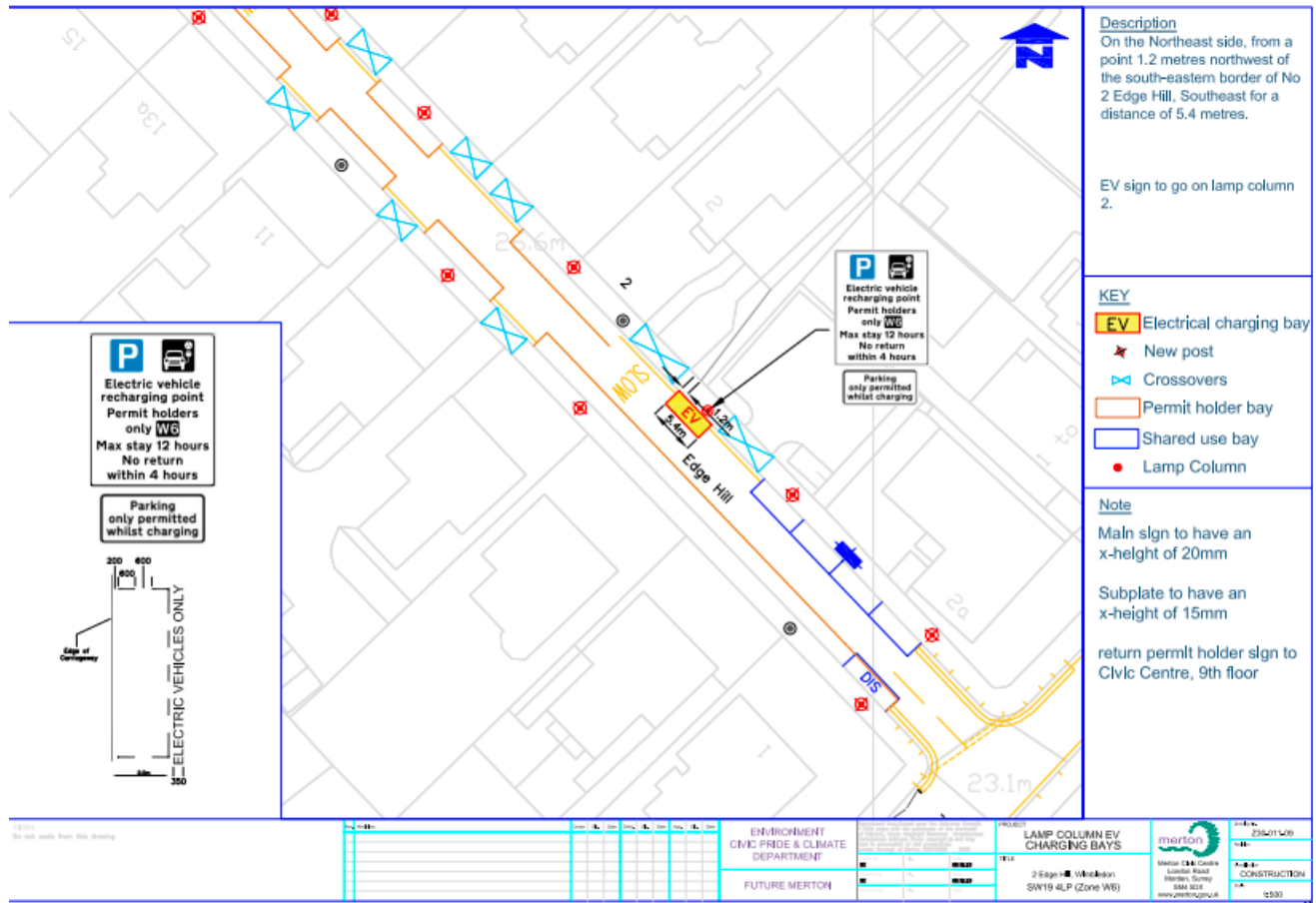
Darlaston Road (near Worple Road) Wimbledon, SW19 4LE (LC2)



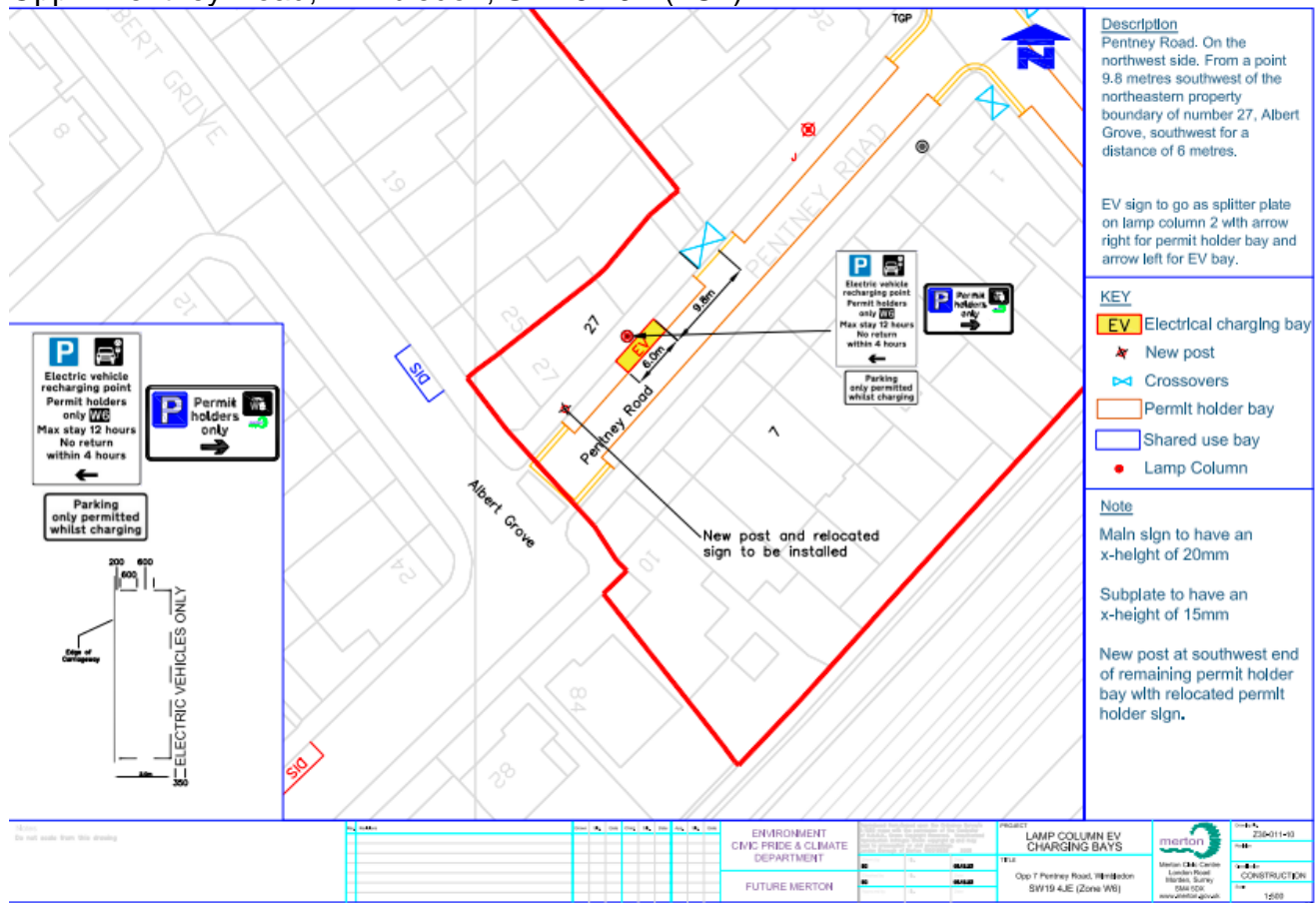
Darlaston Road (side 14 Edge Hill) Wimbledon, SW19 4LJ (LC9)



2 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LP (LC2)



Opp 7 Pentney Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4JE (LC2)



Wimbledon Park Ward

Zone P3

Haslemere Avenue (near Acuba Road) Wimbledon Park, SW18 4RR (LC1)

