

**Committee:** Cabinet Member Report

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Agenda item:** N/A

**Wards:** Various

**Subject:** EV bays - Statutory consultation results – **batch 12**

**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 29th February and 21st March 2024 to implement the following EV parking bays. All plans are attached in appendix 1.

**Table 1**

<p><b>Hillside</b> <b>Zone W7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opp 2A Albert Grove, Raynes Park, SW20 8PZ</li><li>• Delamere Road (near Worple Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8PS</li><li>• Ethelbert Road (side 9 Delamere Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8PS</li><li>• Southdown Rd (near Lower Downs Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8QF</li><li>• The Downs (near Worple Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8HB</li></ul> <p><b>Raynes Park</b> <b>Zone RP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 66 Richmond Road, Raynes Park, SW20 0PQ</li><li>• Richmond Road (outside Richmond Court) Raynes Park, SW20 0PB</li></ul> <p><b>Zone RPC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amity Grove (side of 93 Durham Road) Raynes Park, SW20 0TL</li></ul> <p><b>Village</b> <b>Zone RPC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 122 Durham Road, Raynes Park, SW20 0DG</li><li>• 146 Durham Road, Raynes Park, SW20 0DG</li></ul>
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- B) Considers the representation in support from The Downs, received in response to this statutory consultation, which is set out in section 3.4 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 29th

February and 21st March 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 twelfth batch.
- 2.3 Following Cabinet Member approval in February 2024, a statutory consultation for the twelfth batch of the EV bays (as set out in table 1) was undertaken between 29th February and 21st March 2024.

## **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The statutory consultation was carried out between 29th February and 21st March 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 support from a resident in The Downs:

Dear Traffic & Highways,

I haven't written in before on specific EV only bays, but I am here because I want to say that I support this particular EV only bay, on The Downs close to its junction with Worple Road. It happens to directly adjoin my property and as such I am keen to see these EV only bays being rolled out as it helps people living in flats like me, an option to charge an EV car. By having this location it makes it more likely that I would buy an EV car now that I know there is a charging point just outside.

Kind regards,

## **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

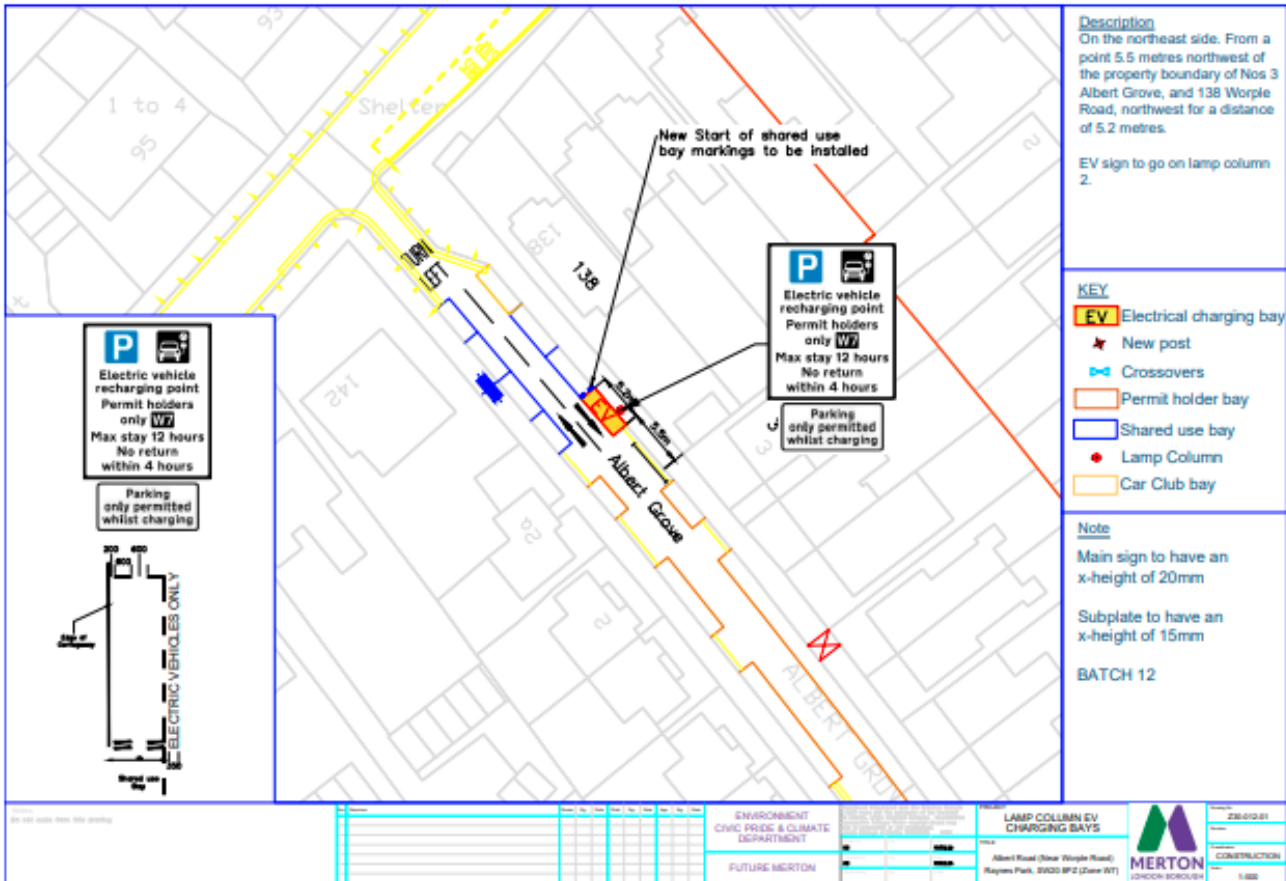
## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 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.

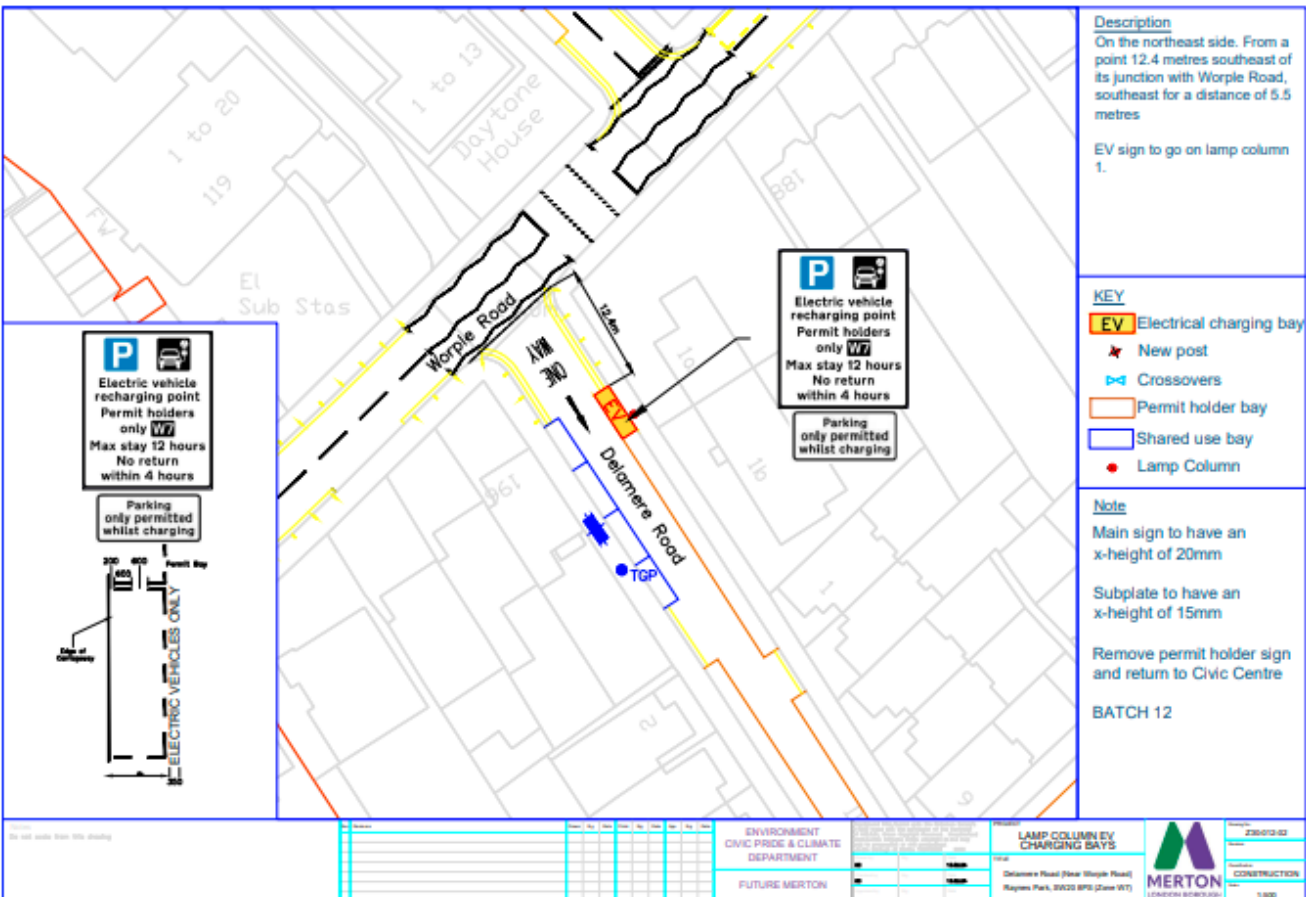
## **13. APPENDICES**

- 13.1 Appendix 1 - Location plans

Opp 2A Albert Grove, Raynes Park, SW20 8PZ



Delamere Road (near Worple Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8PS



# Ethelbert Road (side 9 Delamere Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8PS

**Description**  
On the northwest side. From a point 9.6 metres southwest of the northeast boundary wall of No 9 Delamere Road, southwest for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 1.

**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

2 x new posts required, one to northeast with relocated permit holder sign, one to southwest with new permit holder sign

BATCH 12

**P** Electric vehicle recharging point  
Permit holders only **W7**  
Max stay 12 hours  
No return within 4 hours

Parking only permitted whilst charging

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# Southdown Rd (near Lower Downs Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8QF

**Description**  
On the northwest side. From a point 6 metres northeast of its junction with Lower Downs Road northeast for a distance of 5.5 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 6 as splitter plate, with arrow left for EV Bay and arrow right for permit holder information.

**KEY**

- EV Electrical charging bay
- ★ New post
- ↔ Crossovers
- ▭ Permit holder bay
- Lamp Column

**Note**

Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm

Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm

Return existing permit holder sign to Civic Centre.

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# The Downs (near Worple Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8HB

**Description**  
On the southwest side. From a point 14.6 metres northwest of its junction with Worple Road, northwest for a distance of 5.3 metres

EV sign to go on lamp column 18.

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

**Note**  
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm  
Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm  
Relocate 2 x Pay and Display signs onto new post to southeast of bay

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 LAMP COLUMN EV CHARGING BAYS  
 The Downs (near Worple Road) Raynes Park SW20 8HB (Zone 915)  
 MERTON LONDON BOROUGH  
 220-012-06  
 CONSTRUCTION  
 1:500

# 66 Richmond Road, Raynes Park, SW20 0PQ

**Description**  
On the southwest side. From a point 15.5 metres northwest of its junction with Avenue Road, northwest for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 9

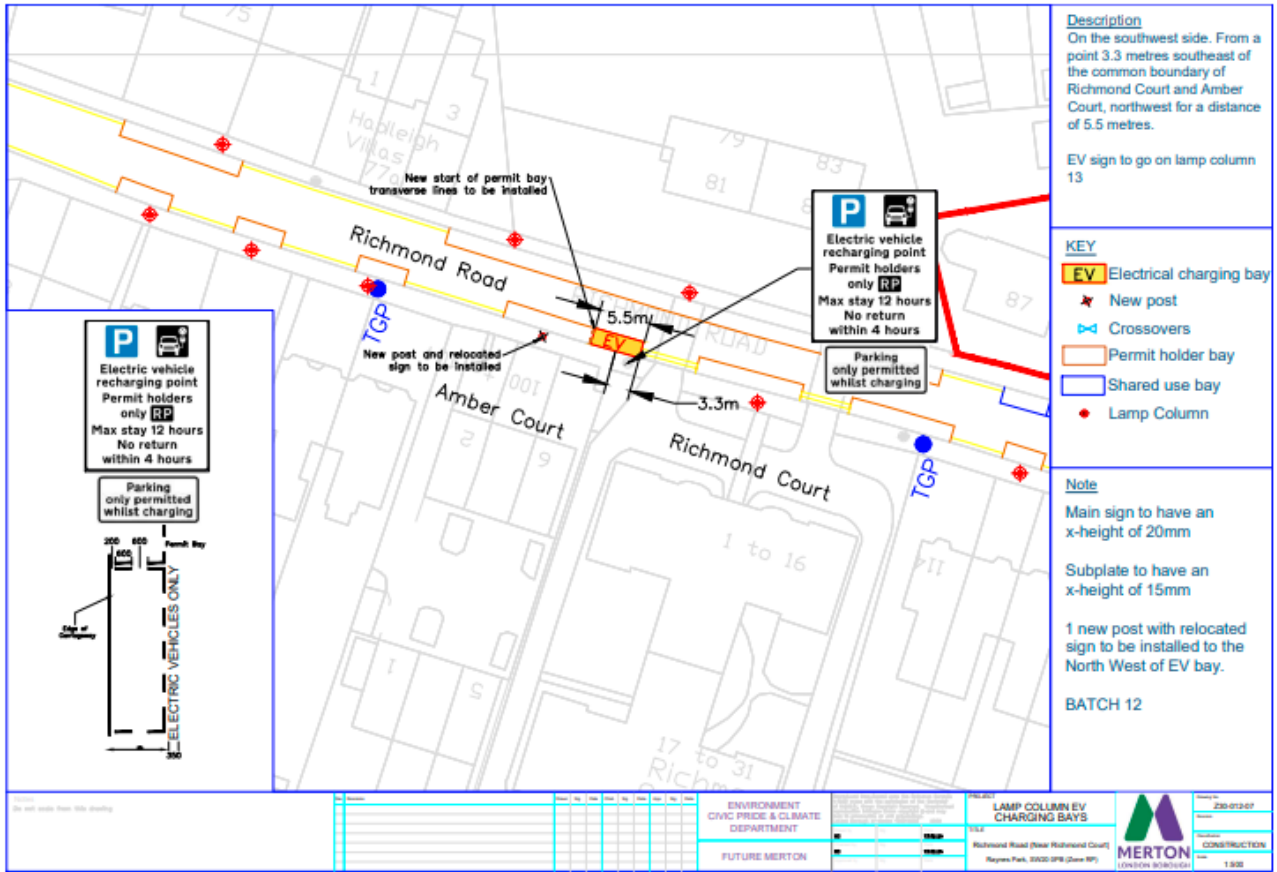
**KEY**  
 EV Electrical charging bay  
 ★ New post  
 ⇄ Crossovers  
 Permit holder bay  
 Shared use bay  
 Lamp Column  
 Car Club bay

**Note**  
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm  
Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm  
2 new posts required. One to southeast of bay with relocated permit holder sign. Another outside No 66 with new permit holder sign.

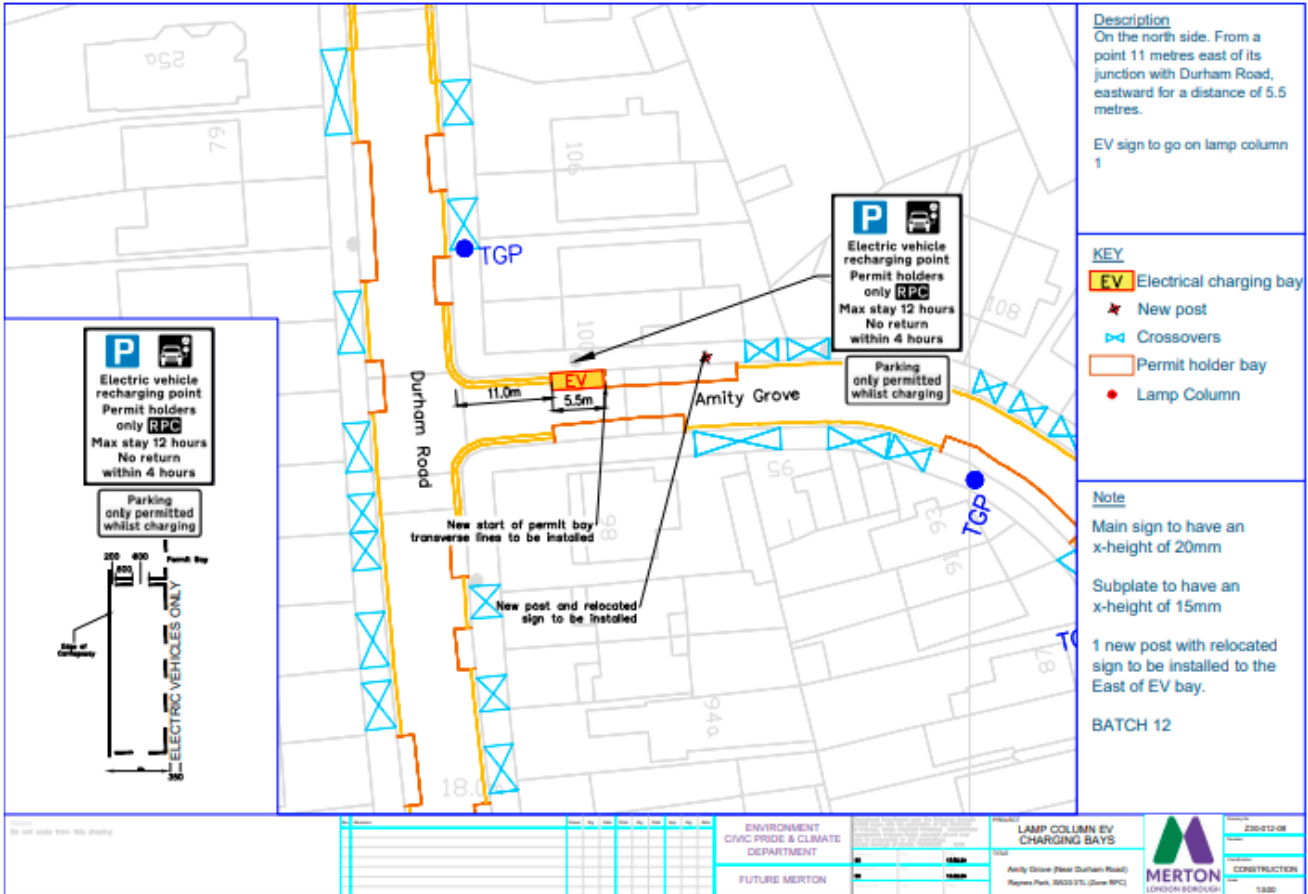
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### Richmond Road (outside Richmond Court) Raynes Park, SW20 0PB

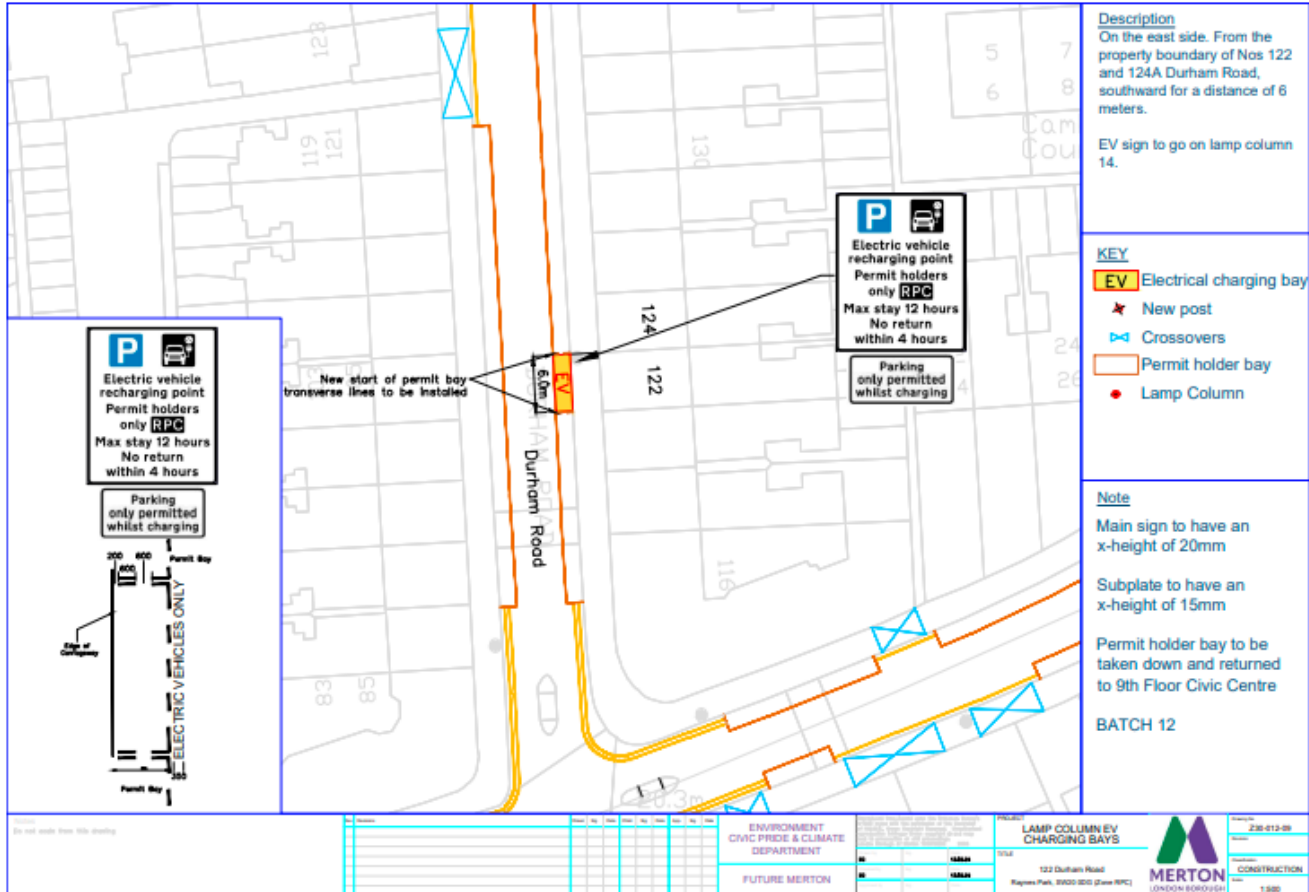


### Amity Grove (side of 93 Durham Road) Raynes Park, SW20 0TL





122 Durham Road, Raynes Park, SW20 0DG



146 Durham Road, Raynes Park, SW20 0DG

