
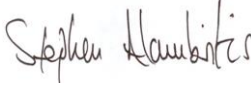


<b>Name of decision-maker</b> Cllr Stephen Alambritis Cabinet Member for Transport	<b>DATE</b> 04/10/24
<b>REPORT/DECISION TITLE</b> Electric Vehicle bays Batch 15	<b>WARD(S)</b> Cricket Green, Hillside, Lavender Fields, Raynes Park
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> Dan Jones Executive Director of Environment, Civic Pride and Climate   Signed... ..... Date: 08/10/24	<b>CABINET/LEAD MEMBER</b> Stephen Alambritis Cabinet Member for Transport  Signed:  Date: 07/10/2024
<b>DECISION CLASSIFICATION</b> <i>Non-Key</i>  <i>Cabinet Member for Transport Decision</i>	<b>IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING?</b>  <i>Cabinet Member for Transport Decision</i>  <i>No meeting involved</i>

**1 Recommendations:**

A. Notes the outcome of the statutory consultation that was undertaken between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to implement the following EV parking bays. All plans are attached in appendix 1.

Table 1

Cricket Green - No Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket Green (near Brook House) Mitcham, CR4 4LB</li> </ul> Hillside – Zone 2F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parkwood Road (near Woodside) Wimbledon, SW19 7AQ</li> </ul> Lavender Fields - No Zone & Zone FG2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homefield Gardens (nr Phipps Bridge Road) Mitcham, SW19 2SS</li> <li>Lavender Avenue (nr Lavender Grove) Mitcham, CR4 3HP</li> <li>135 Lavender Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 3RS</li> <li>27 Mount Road, Mitcham, CR4 3EZ</li> </ul>
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- 47 Portland Road, Mitcham, CR4 3EQ
- 7-12 Sheldrick Close, Colliers Wood, SW19 2UG
- 34 Victoria Road, Mitcham, CR4 3JA
- 45 Mortimer Road, Mitcham, CR4 3HS

#### Raynes Park – Zone A1

- Abbott Avenue (Opposite No 62) Raynes Park, SW20 8SG
- 21 Downs Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8QQ
- 46A Sydney Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8EF

- B. Agrees to the making of the Traffic Management Orders and the implementation of the proposed bays
- C. Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process

## 2 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report details the result of the statutory consultation that was undertaken between 12th September and 4th October 2024 to implement the above EV parking bays adjacent to the existing lamp column EV charging infrastructure. All plans are attached in appendix 1.
- 2.2 It seeks approval to proceed with the making of the Traffic Management Order and the implementation of the proposed EV bays.

## 3 Links to the Merton Priorities (Borough of Sport/Civic Pride/Sustainable Futures)

- 3.1 This report relates to the Council's Strategic priorities as follows:

### Building a Sustainable Future

- This proposal forms part of the ambition for the council to be Net zero by 2030 – 89% of Merton residents in our latest residents' survey told us that it was important for the Council to act on climate change, and it remains a top concern for young people.
- EV bays form a major part of the Electric Vehicle infrastructure strategy and delivery across Merton. The council utilises grant funding to develop the programme.
- The introduction of EV bays contributes directly to the improvement of air quality in the borough by encouraging the use and ownership of electric vehicles.

## 4 Introduction and Background

- 4.1 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 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 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.

- 4.2 To progress phase 2 of the programme (the installation of the parking bays) the Council secured an additional resource to assess each site and undertake the required statutory consultation. Given the number of locations, it has been necessary to progress this aspect of the project in batches and this is the fifteenth batch.
- 4.3 Following Cabinet Member approval in September 2024, a statutory consultation for the fifteenth batch of the EV bays (as set out in table 1) was undertaken between 12th September and 4th October 2024.

## **5 Available Options & Preferred Option**

- 5.1 An option would be not to implement the proposed bays; this however would prevent those with an electric vehicle from gaining access to the lamp column to charge, which would effectively make the EV lamp column charger redundant.
- 5.2 To proceed with the implementation of the proposed parking bays

### **Preferred Option**

- 5.3 To proceed with the implementation of the proposed parking bays.
- 5.4 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 parking bays are implemented.

## **6 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 6.1 Currently EV owners are unable to gain access to the charge point to charge their vehicles and the proposed EV bays will ensure access to the charge point.

## **7 Consultation Results**

- 7.1 Following Cabinet Member approval in September 2024, a statutory consultation for the fifteenth batch of the EV bays (as set out in table 1) was undertaken between 12th September and 4th October 2024.
- 7.2 A Notice of the Council's intention to introduce the proposed measures was 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. The information is also available on the website [Consultation on electric vehicle-only parking bays | Merton Council](#)
- 7.3 All statutory bodies were informed of the statutory consultation.
- 7.4 All Ward Councillors were informed of the statutory consultation.

## **8 Next Steps & Timetable: Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

- 8.1 The Traffic Management Orders will be made as soon as the Cabinet Member decision has been published and cleared Call-In; and the bays will be

implemented within 7 weeks of the Notice being made.

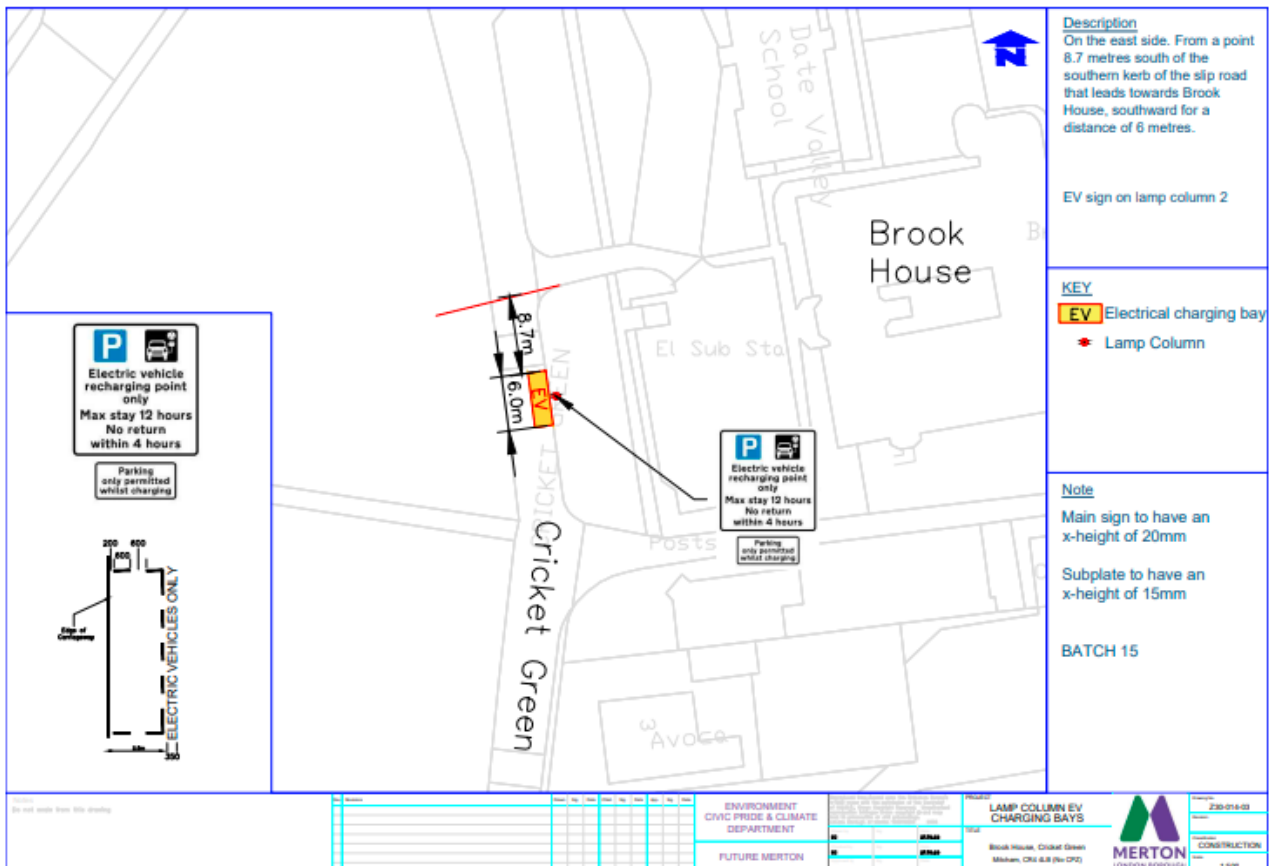
## 9 Ward Councillors will be informed of the decision.

9.1 Report Appendices (please indicate where these are exempt from publication)

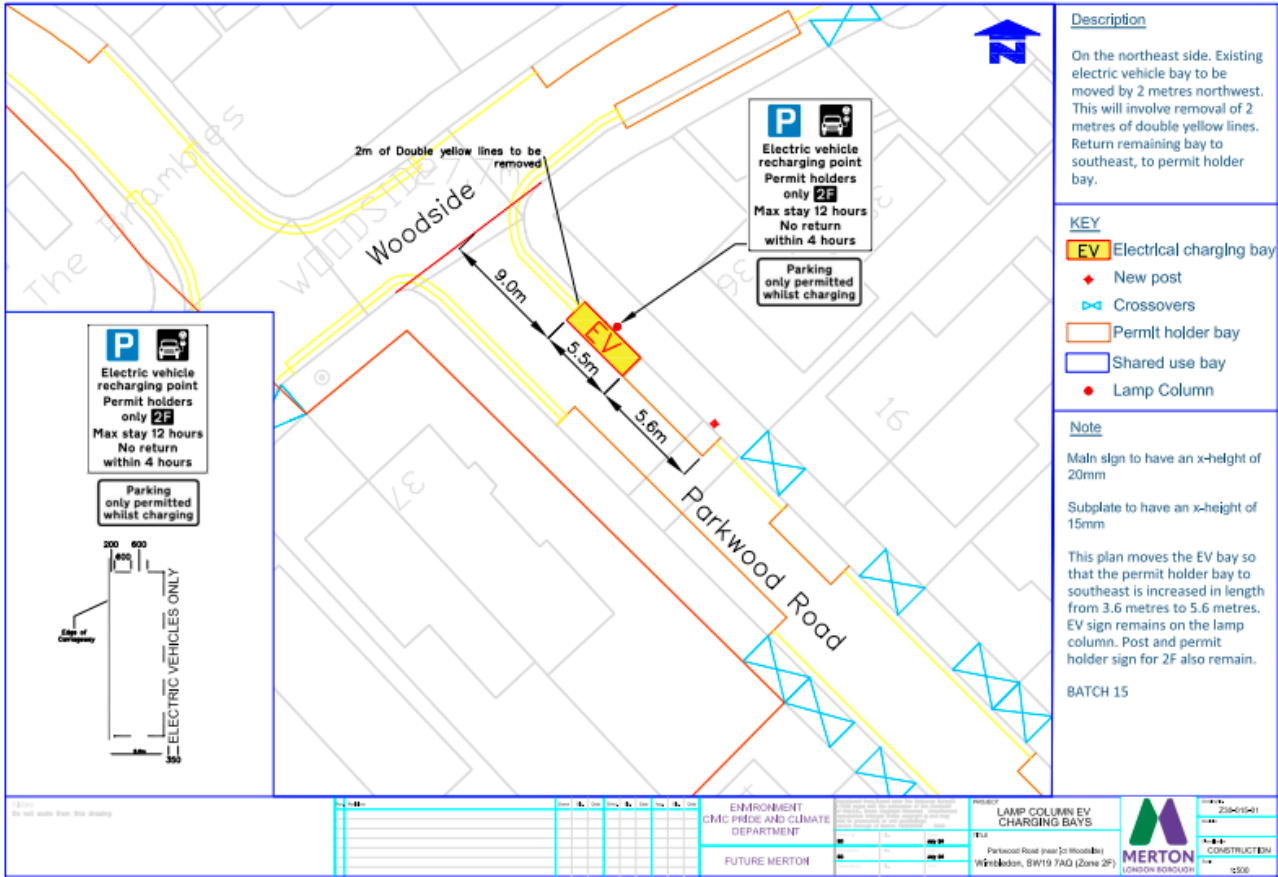
9.2 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Location plans

### Cricket Green (near Brook House) Mitcham, CR4 4LB



### Parkwood Road (near Woodside) Wimbledon, SW19 7AQ



# Homefield Gardens (nr Phipps Bridge Road) Mitcham, SW19 2SS

**Description**

On the north side. From a point 9.8 metres east of its junction with Phipps Bridge Road, eastward for a distance of 5.5 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 8

**KEY**

- EV Electrical charging bay
- New post
- Crossovers
- Lamp Column

**Note**

Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm

Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm

BATCH 15

ENVIRONMENT CIVIC PRIDE AND CLIMATE DEPARTMENT	PROJECT: LAMP COLUMN EV CHARGING BAYS	DATE: 23/01/22
FUTURE MERTON	LOCATION: Homefield Gardens (near Jct Phipps Bridge Rd Mitcham, SW19 2SS (No CPZ))	CONSTRUCTION 1:300

# Lavender Avenue (nr Lavender Grove) Mitcham, CR4 3HP

**Description**

On the south side. From a point 19.5 metres west of its junction with Lavender Grove, westward for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 19

**KEY**

- EV Electrical charging bay
- New post
- Crossovers
- Lamp Column
- Double yellow lines

**Note**

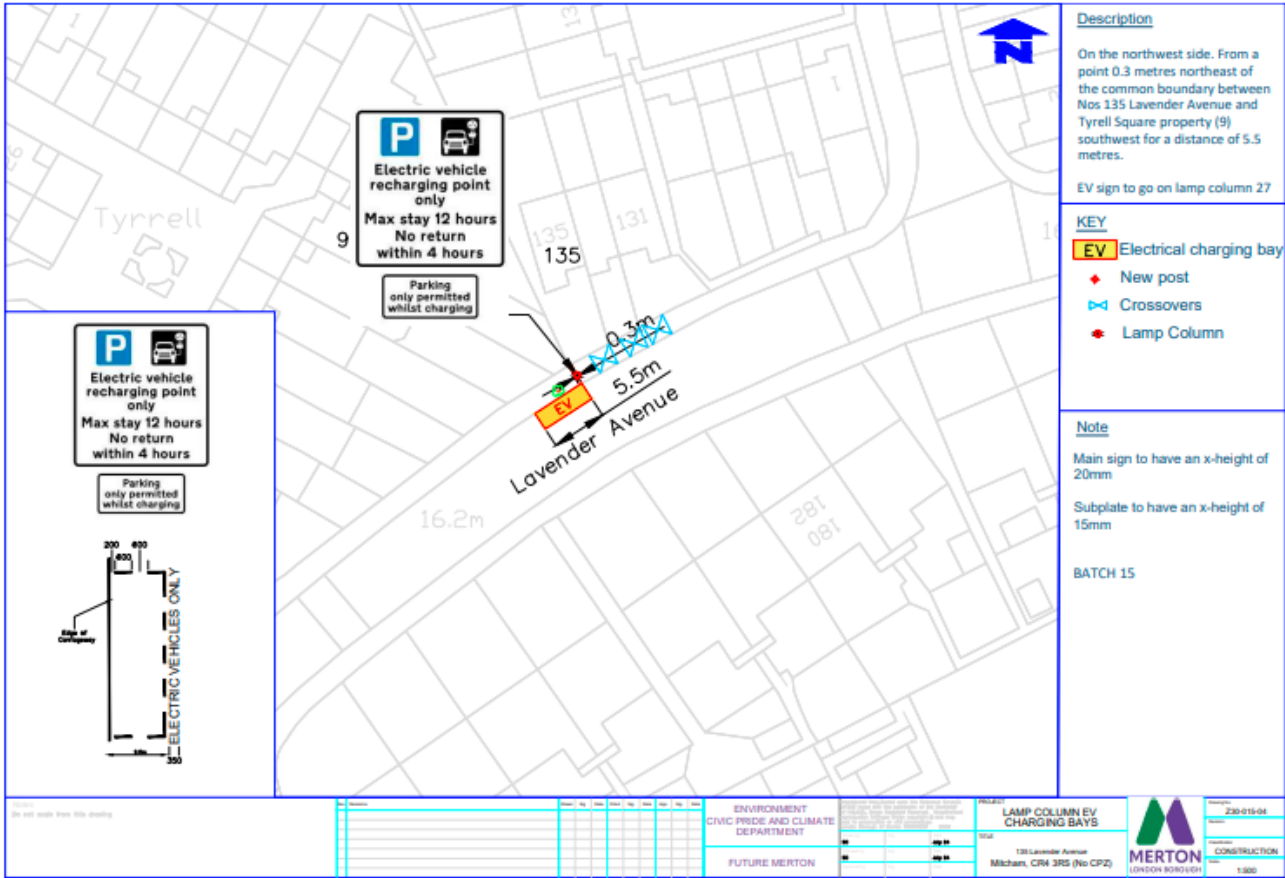
Main sign to have an x-height of 20mm

Subplate to have an x-height of 15mm

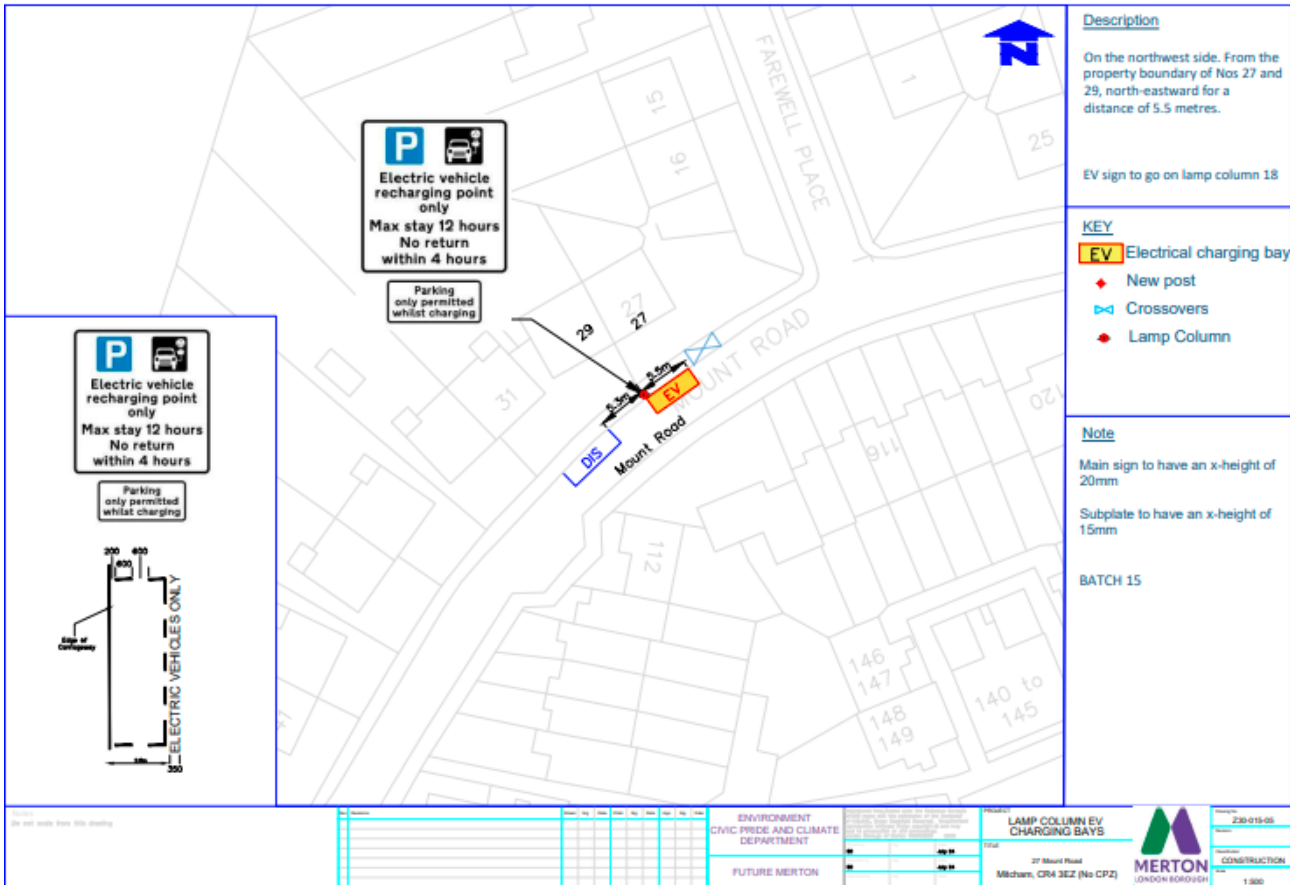
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135 Lavender Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 3RS



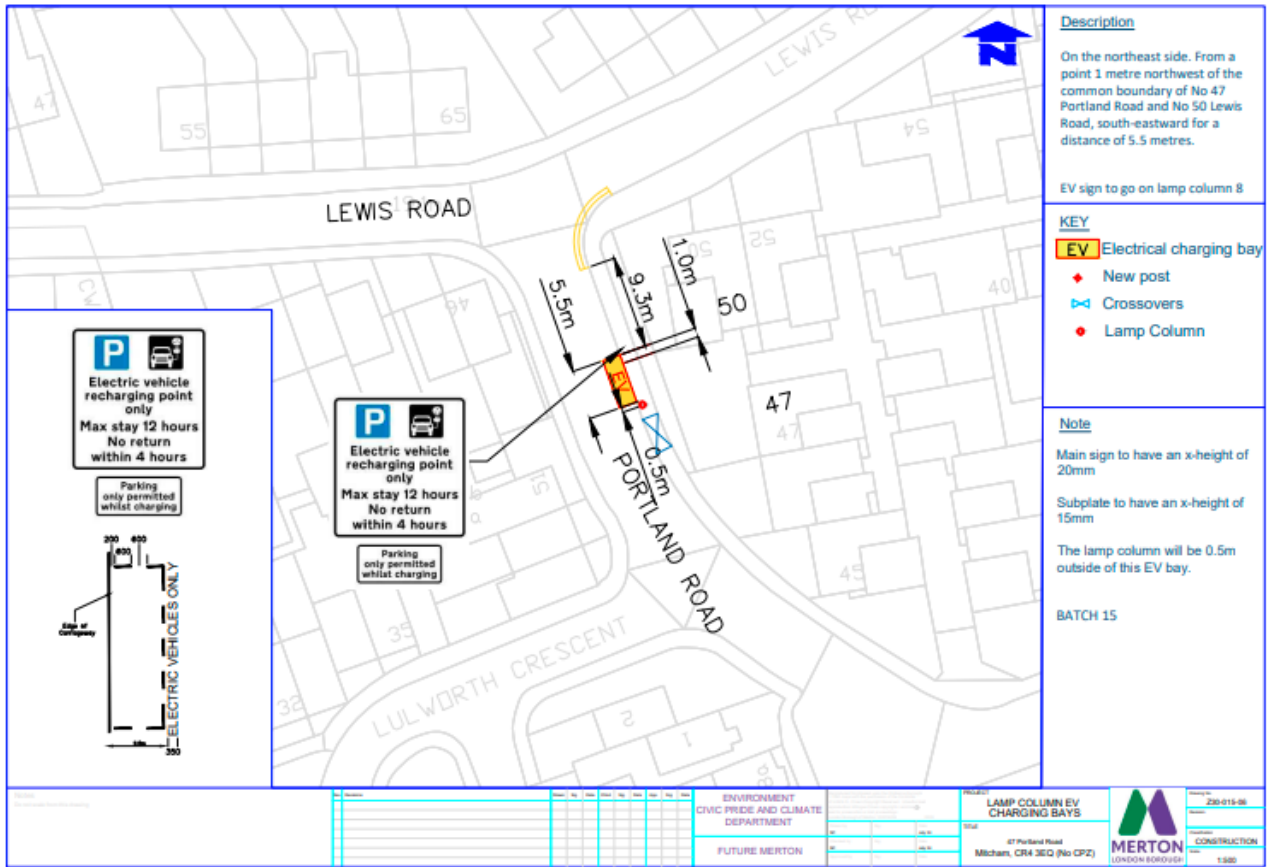
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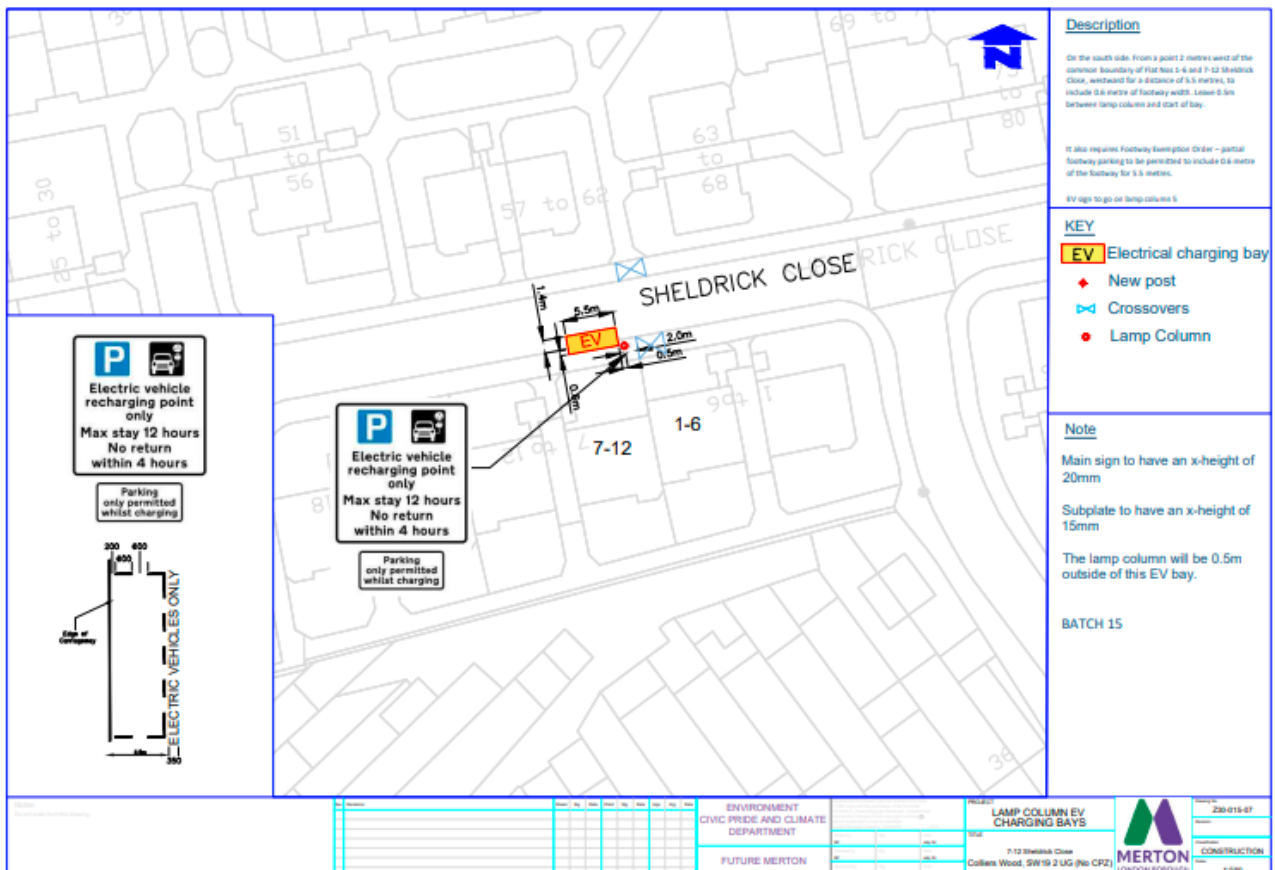




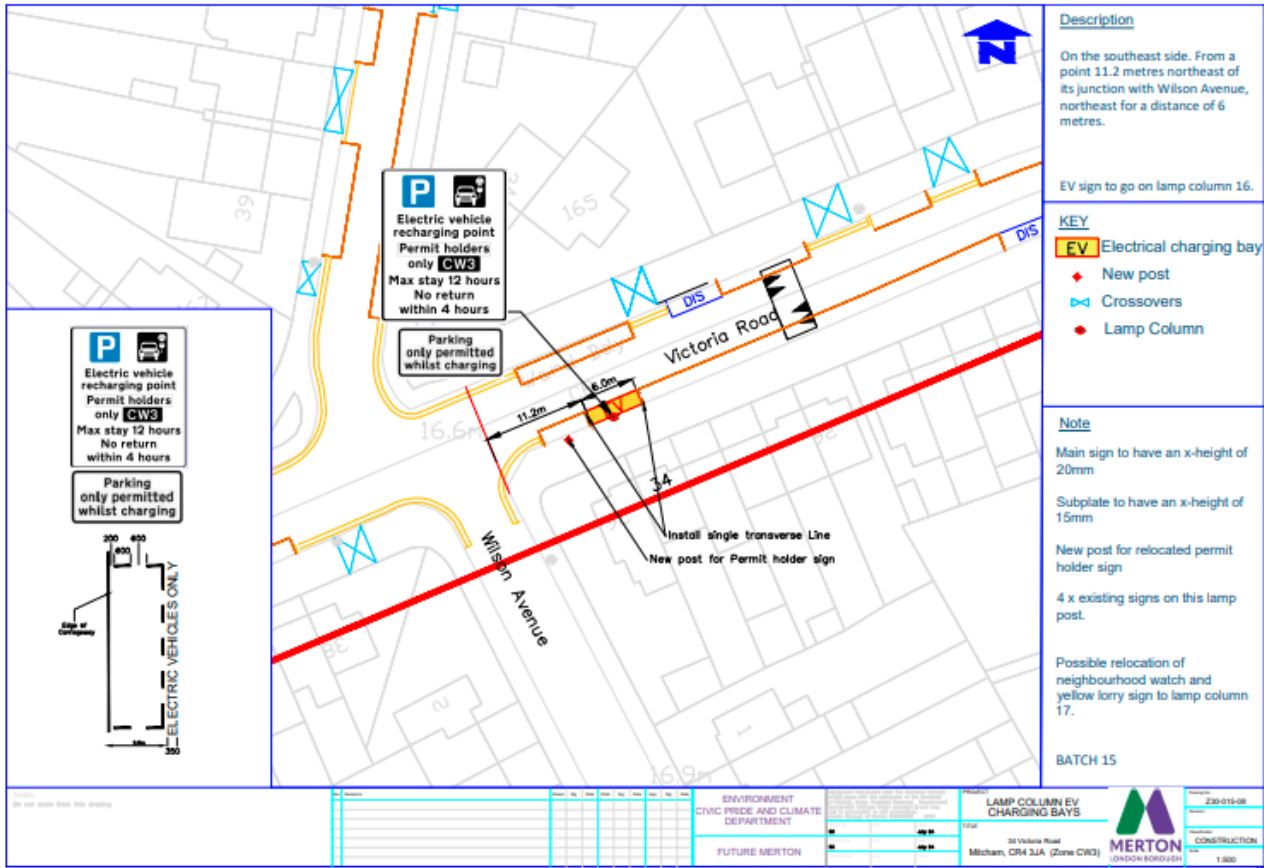
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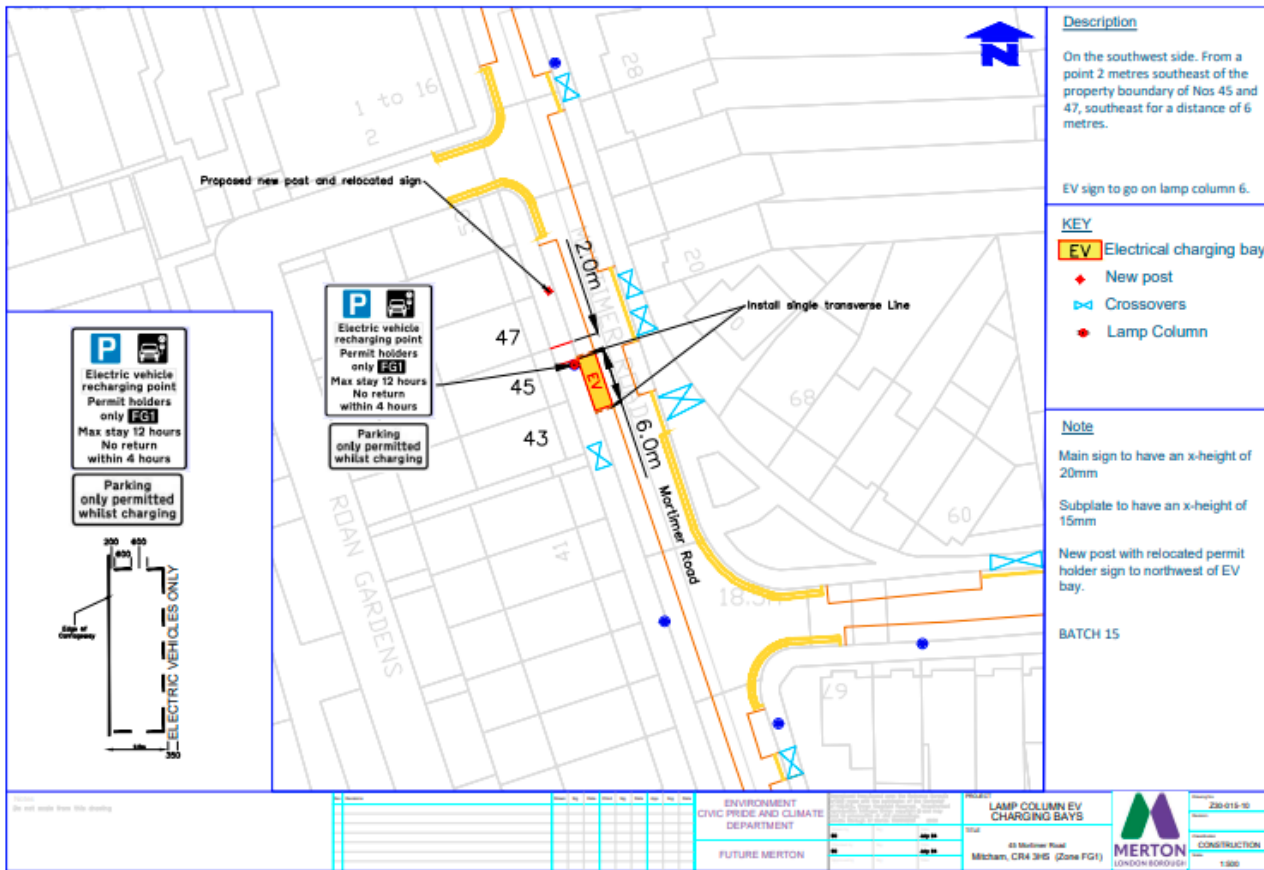
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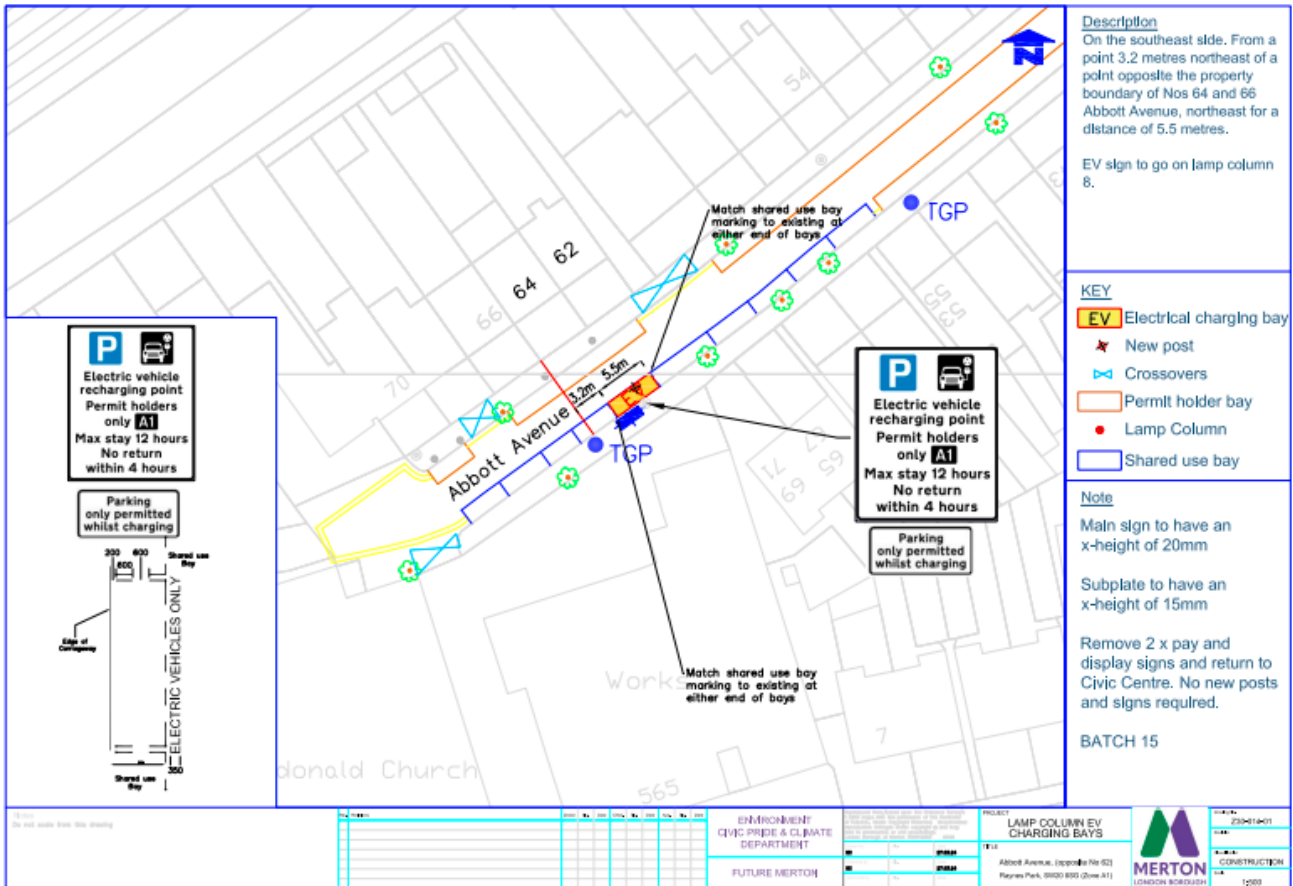
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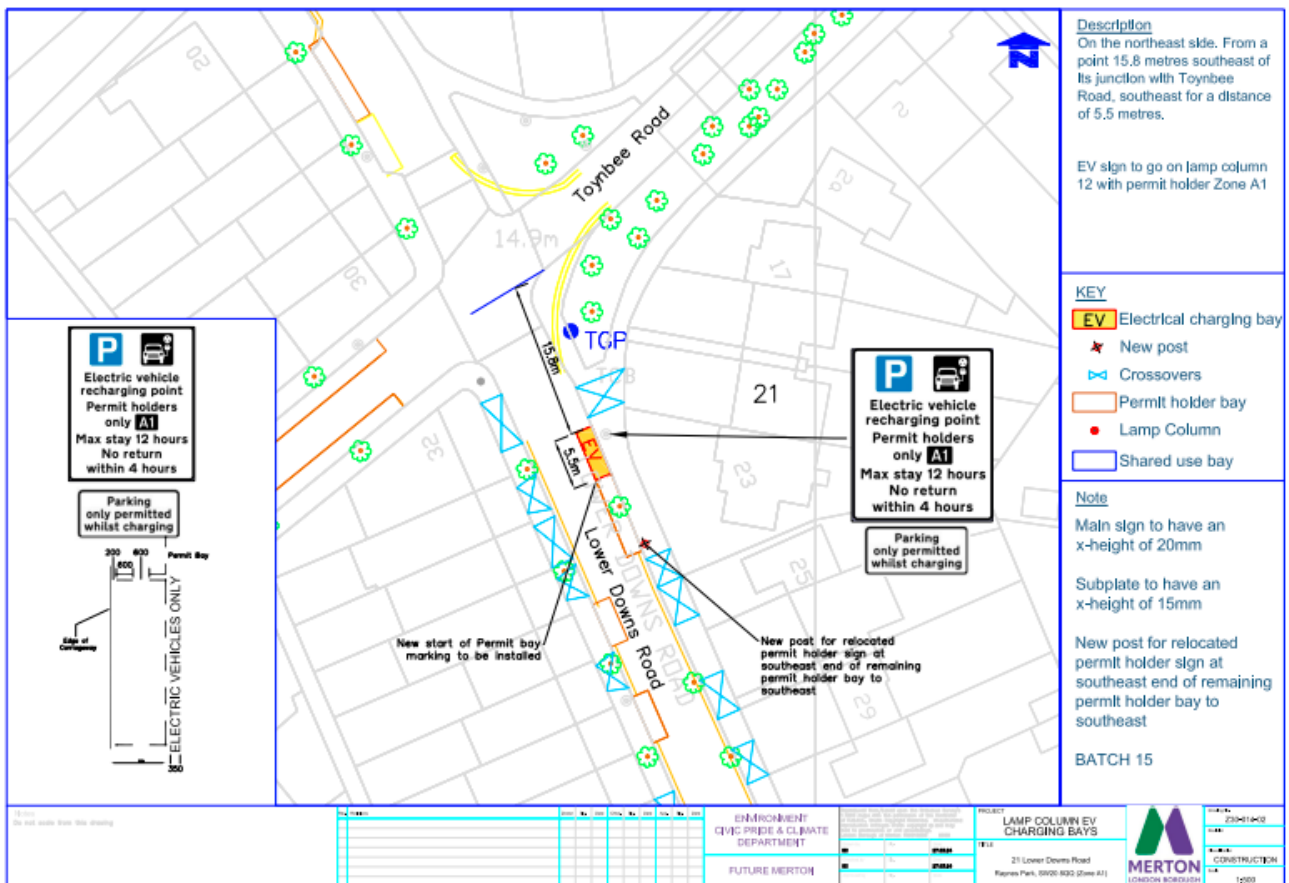
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# Abbott Avenue (Opposite No 62) Raynes Park, SW20 8SG



# 21 Downs Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8QQ





46A Sydney Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8EF

**Description**  
On the northeast side. From a point 2 metres southeast of the property boundary of Nos 46A and 48, northwest for a distance of 6 metres.

EV sign to go on lamp column 5.

**KEY**  
 EV Electrical charging bay  
 \* New post  
 <math>\triangleleft</math> 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  
 Return existing permit holder sign to Civic Centre  
 BATCH 15

**Signs:**  
 - Electric vehicle recharging point Permit holders only A1 Max stay 12 hours No return within 4 hours  
 - Parking only permitted whilst charging  
 - Electric vehicle recharging point Permit holders only A1 Max stay 12 hours No return within 4 hours  
 - Parking only permitted whilst charging

**Dimensions:**  
 - 6.0m (Permit holder bay)  
 - 2.0m (Shared use bay)

**Other labels:**  
 - Sydney Road  
 - 46A 48  
 - 44  
 - 32  
 - 35  
 - 14  
 - 17  
 - 55  
 - 56  
 - 64  
 - 91  
 - D/S  
 - T/O  
 - New start of Permit bay marking to be installed

**Footer:**  
 ENVIRONMENT CIVIC PRIDE & CLIMATE DEPARTMENT  
 FUTURE MERTON  
 LAMP COLUMN EV CHARGING BAYS  
 46A Sydney Road Raynes Park, SW20 8EF (Zone A1)  
 MERTON LONDON BOROUGH  
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 CONSTRUCTION 1:500


**10 Background Papers**

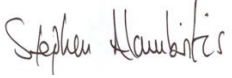
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**11 Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications and Sign-Off**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<p><b>Legal</b> including Human Rights Act</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Council’s powers to make Traffic Management Orders arise mainly under sections</p>	<p><i>George Chesman</i> solicitor for South London Legal Partnership</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> October 2024</p>

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
	<p>6, 45, 46, 122 and 124 and schedules 1 and 9 of the RTRA 1984.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b>Finance</b> and other resources</p>	<p>All associated costs are covered by the Parking Management / CPZ budget.</p> <p>The estimated cost is £6900 which includes consultation, staff costs and implementation (posts, signs and road markings)</p>	<p><i>Gina James</i></p> <p><i>Service Financial Adviser</i></p> <p><i>04.10.2024</i></p>
<p><b>Equalities</b></p>	<p>As part of its stated commitment to equality, Merton supports the delivery of its statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010. This includes the protection of people from discrimination on the basis of 8 'protected characteristics'. An Equality Assessment has been carried out on this proposed batch of EV bays. The impacts on 2 protected characteristics is outlined below:</p> <p>Age – By ensuring there are more EV bays across the borough, it removes the need for the illegal use of cables stretched across pavements. This is considered a trip hazard which is especially significant for elderly people with mobility and sight issues.</p> <p>Disability – As stated above, the illegal use of cables stretched across pavements, presents a trip hazard for those with a disability that affects their mobility or sight, or those using a wheelchair or mobility scooter. The introduction of EV bays reduces this hazard.</p> <p>Gender reassignment – N/A</p> <p>Marriage or civil partnership – N/A</p>	<p>Helena Little</p> <p>Commissioning Engineer</p> <p>04/10/2024</p>

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
	Pregnancy and maternity – N/A Race – N/A Religion or belief – N/A Sex – N/A Sexual orientation – N/A	
<b>Climate change</b>	<p>This proposal for the fifteenth batch of Electric Vehicle bays is a direct measure of support towards the council's net zero commitments (Council 2030 target and Borough 2050 target).</p> <p>Whilst the end product will be energy saving, the process of implementation by our contractor FM Conway will involve the consumption of energy. FM Conway recognise the importance of ensuring their work is as energy efficient as possible. In their Carbon Reduction Plan, they outline their short, medium and long-term net zero targets in relation to emissions. Their Net Zero Strategy addresses the issue of embodied carbon; 'Increasing the percentage of RAP within our asphalt specifications will be a critical factor to reduce the embodied carbon within our product range, whilst also protecting the natural environment through our Circular Economy approach.' RAP – Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement.</p> <p>In terms of the council's transport outcomes, the proposal supports and encourages the growing EV ownership in Merton.</p> <p>All our plans include requests to reuse or recycle the existing post and signs. Wherever possible, existing posts and street furniture are used. Both these measures minimise waste and help reduce costs and unnecessary energy consumption.</p> <p>With each batch of bays, Merton's EV infrastructure is improved and the council is a step further towards reaching its climate related goals.</p>	Helena Little Commissioning Engineer 04/10/2024
<b>Dan Jones</b> Executive Director of Environment, Civic Pride and Climate	<i>Approved</i>	 08/10/24

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<b>Cabinet Member/s</b>	<i>Cleared</i>	 07/10/2024
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