

Committee: Cabinet Member Report

Date: 24th November 2023

Agenda item: N/A

Wards: Various

Subject: EV bays - Statutory consultation results – batch 9

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 2nd and 24th November 2023 to implement the following EV parking bays. All plans are attached in appendix 1.

Table 1

Abbey Ward

Derby Road (o/s 70 Russell Rd) Wimbledon, SW19 1LW (LC3)
Granville Road (o/s 86 Russell Rd) Wimbledon, SW19 1LR (LC3)
Harcourt Road (o/s 102 Russell Rd) Wimbledon, SW19 1LS (LC3)
82-84 Pelham Road, Wimbledon, SW19 1PA (Zone W4 LC 15)
91-93 Palmerston Road, Wimbledon, SW19 1PB (Zone W4 LC9)

Raynes Park Ward

35 Langham Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8TP (LC6)
Stanton Road (near Worple Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8RL (LC1)
Kenwyn Road (near Pepys Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8NW (LC1)
Pendarves Road (near Lambton Road) Raynes Park, SW20 8TS (LC6)
Tolverne Road (o/s Methodist Church) Raynes Park, SW20 8RA (LC2)

Wimbledon Park Ward

3 Home Park Road, Wimbledon Park, SW19 7HL (LC 21)
Haslemere Avenue (near Acuba Road) Wimbledon Park, SW18 4RR (LC1)

- B) Notes that no representations have been received and considers officer's recommendations 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 2nd and 24th November 2023 to implement the above EV parking bays adjacent to the 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 ninth batch.
- 2.3 Following Cabinet Member approval in October 2023, a statutory consultation for the 9th batch of the EV bays (as set out in table 1) was undertaken between 2nd and 24th November 2023.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The statutory consultation was carried out between 2nd and 24th November 2023. 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 affected. 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 No representations were received to the statutory.

4. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In the absence of any objections, it is recommended that the Traffic Management Order is made which will allow the implementation of the proposed EV parking bays.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 Not to implement the EV bays; this, however, would not allow those with an electric vehicle to gain access to the lamp column to charge which would indirectly make the EV lamp columns redundant.

6. TIMETABLE

- 6.1 The permanent Traffic Management Order will be made as soon after Cabinet Member decision is published and cleared Call-In.

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 has 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

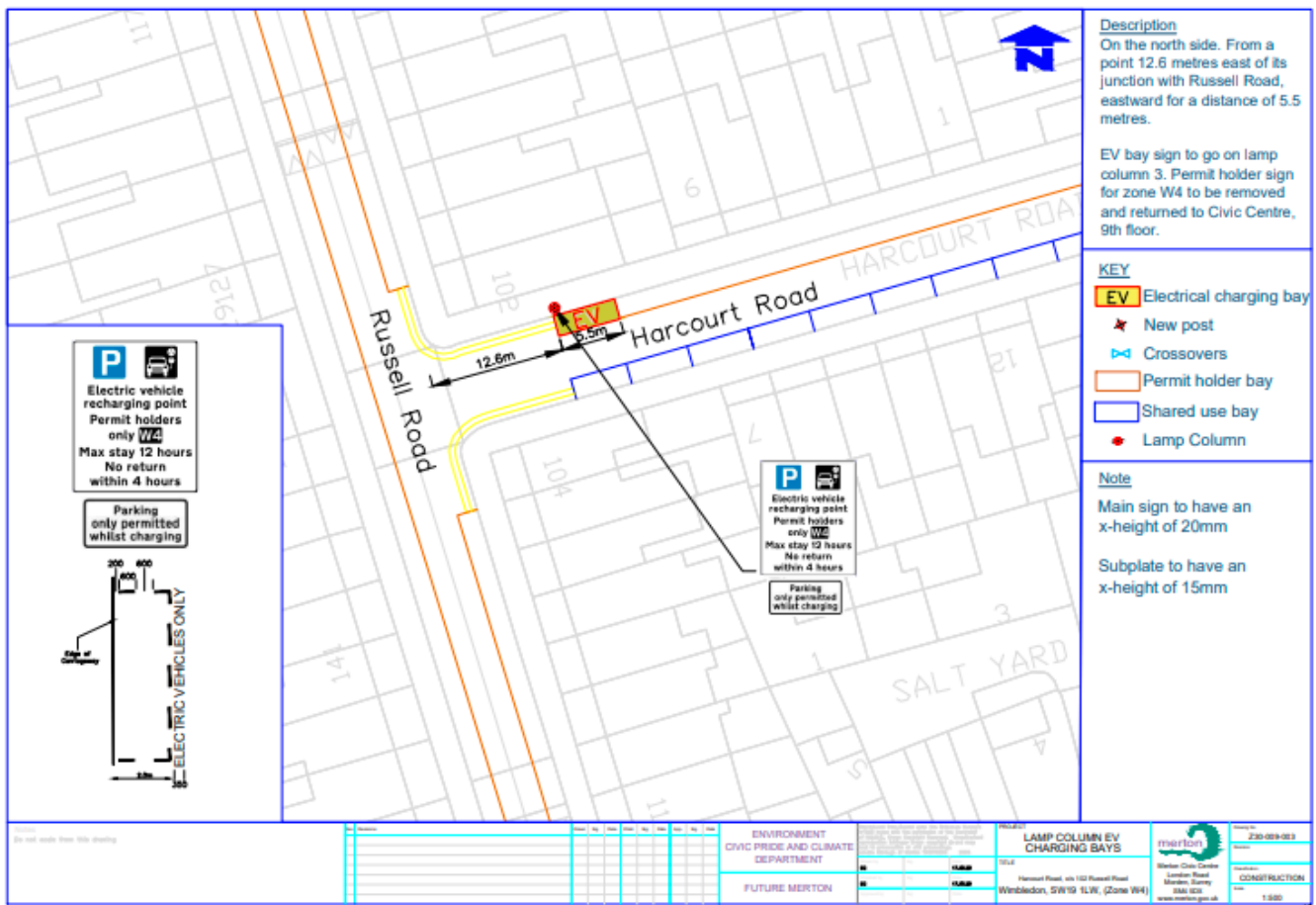
- 12.1 The Council's EV Programme aims to promote and facilitate the use of electric vehicles instead of fossil fueled vehicles; it is, therefore, necessary to provide the proposed infra structure necessary to meet the charging needs of EVs.

13. APPENDICES

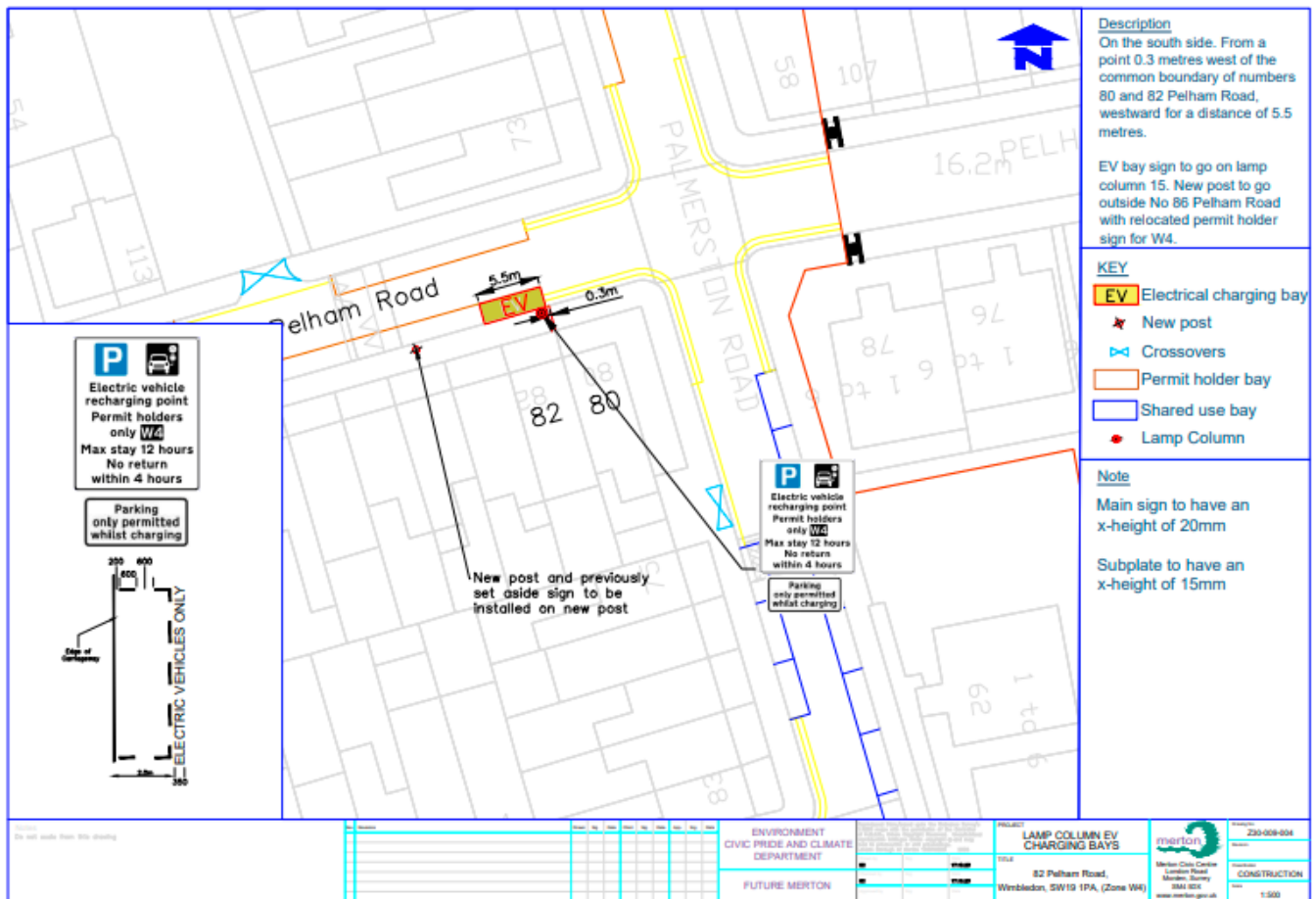
- 13.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.
Appendix 1 - Plans

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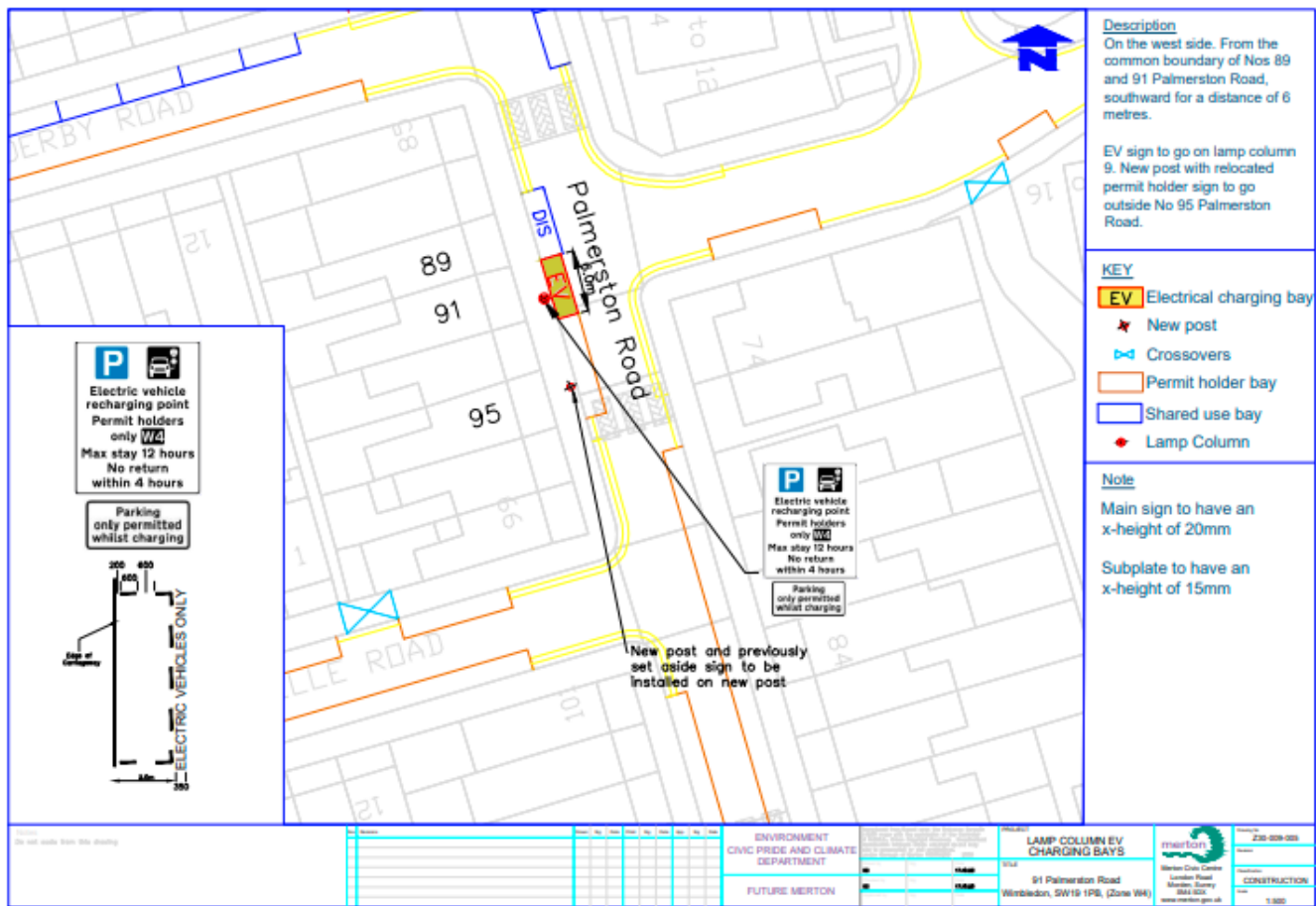
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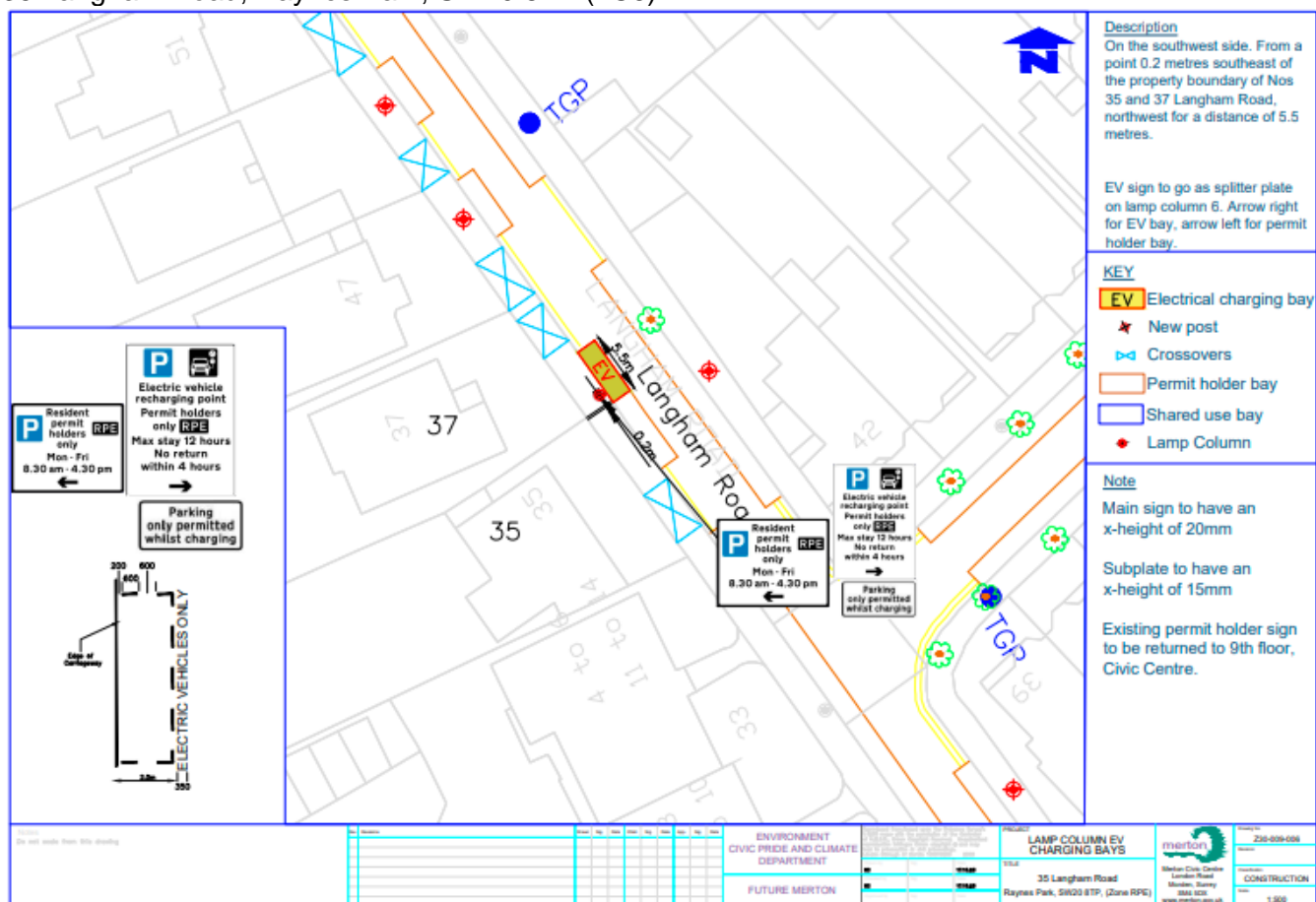


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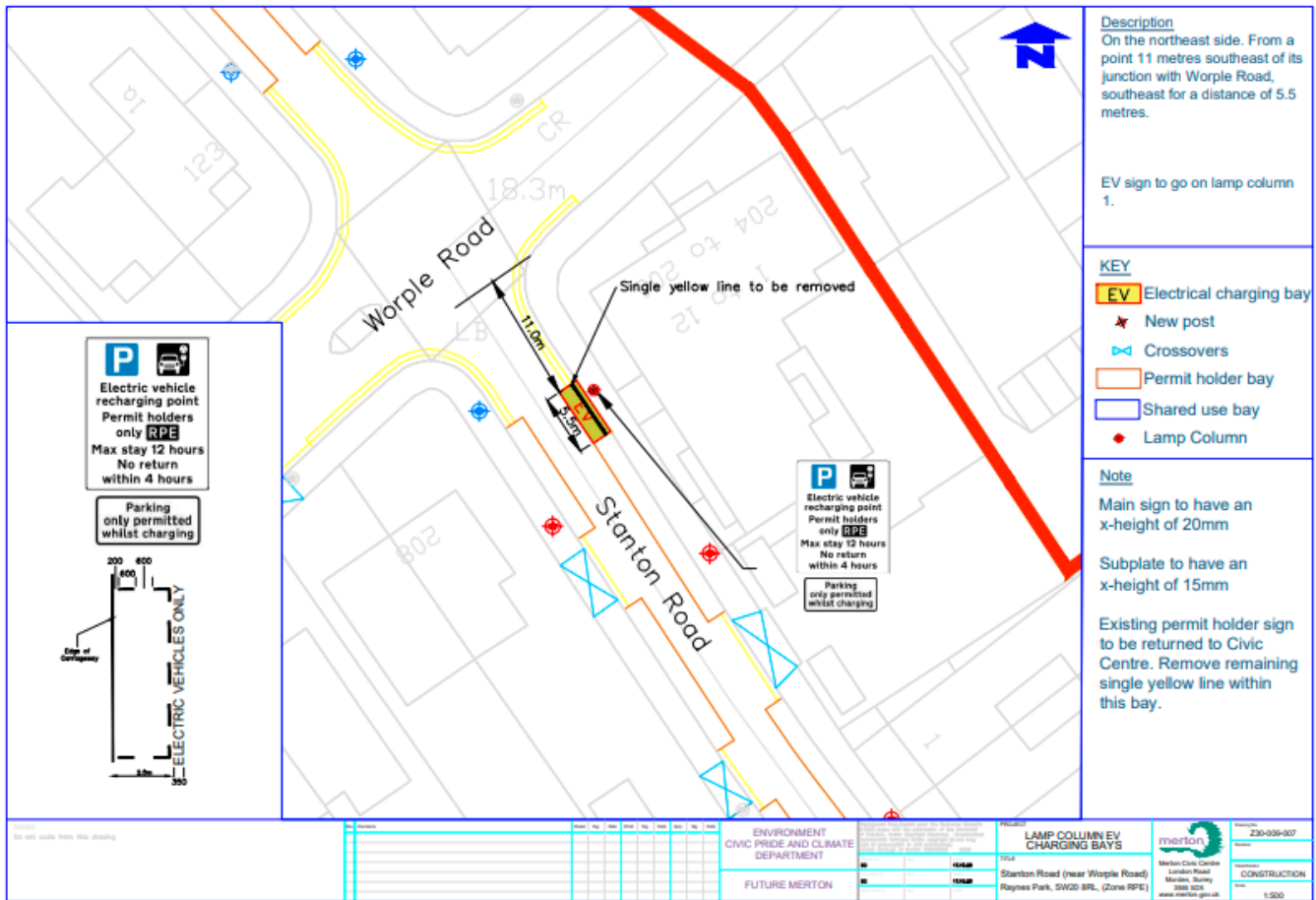


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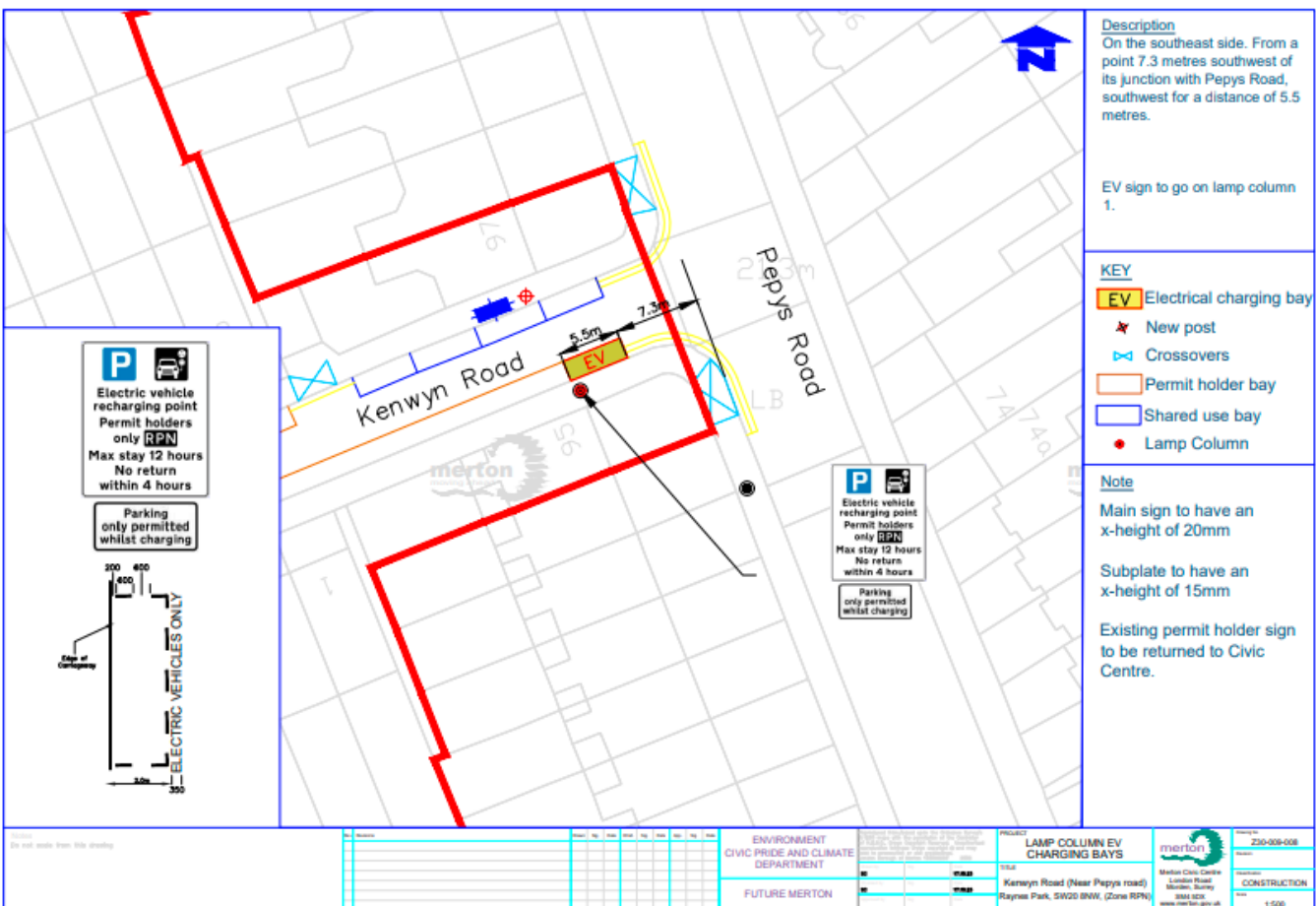
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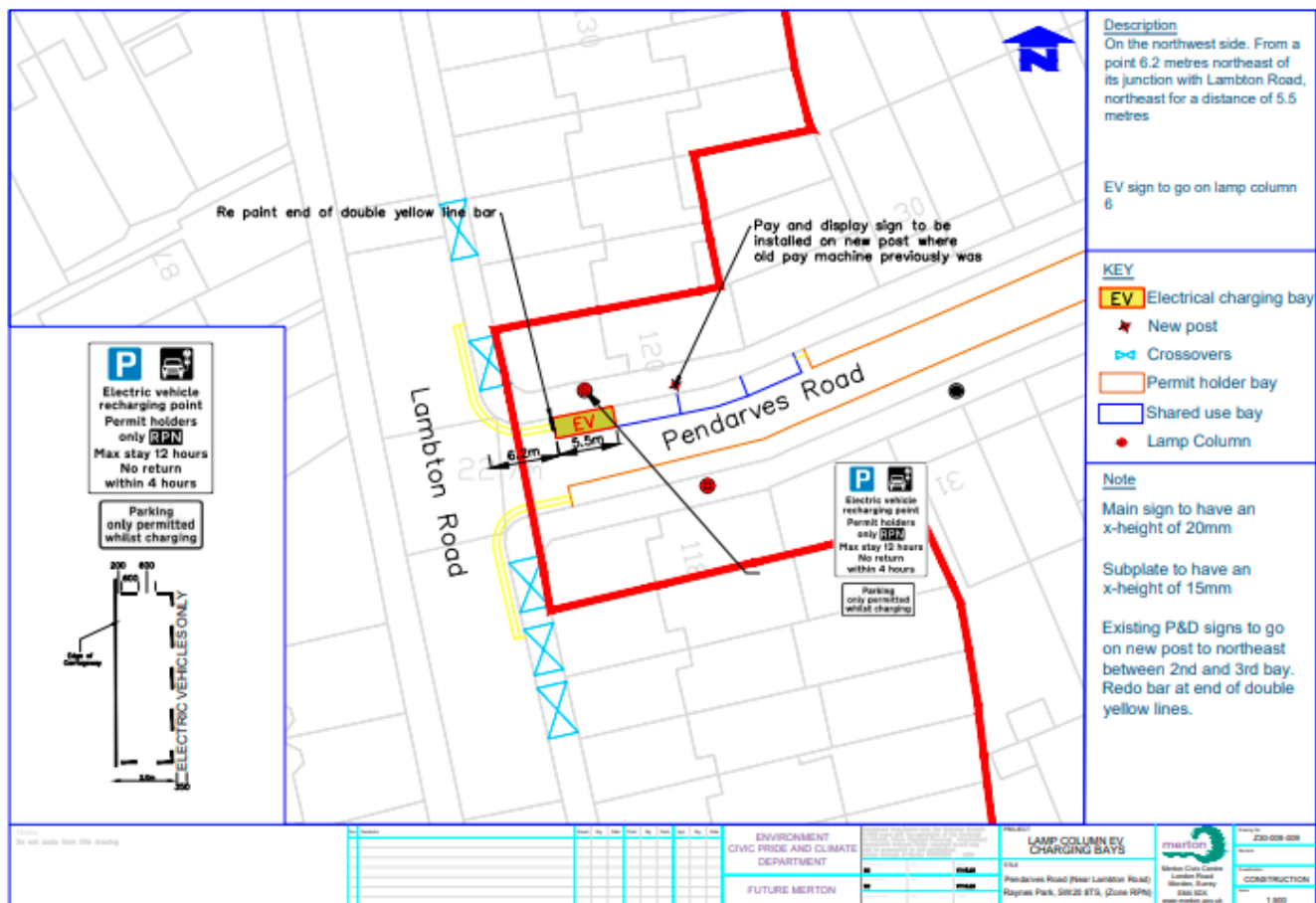
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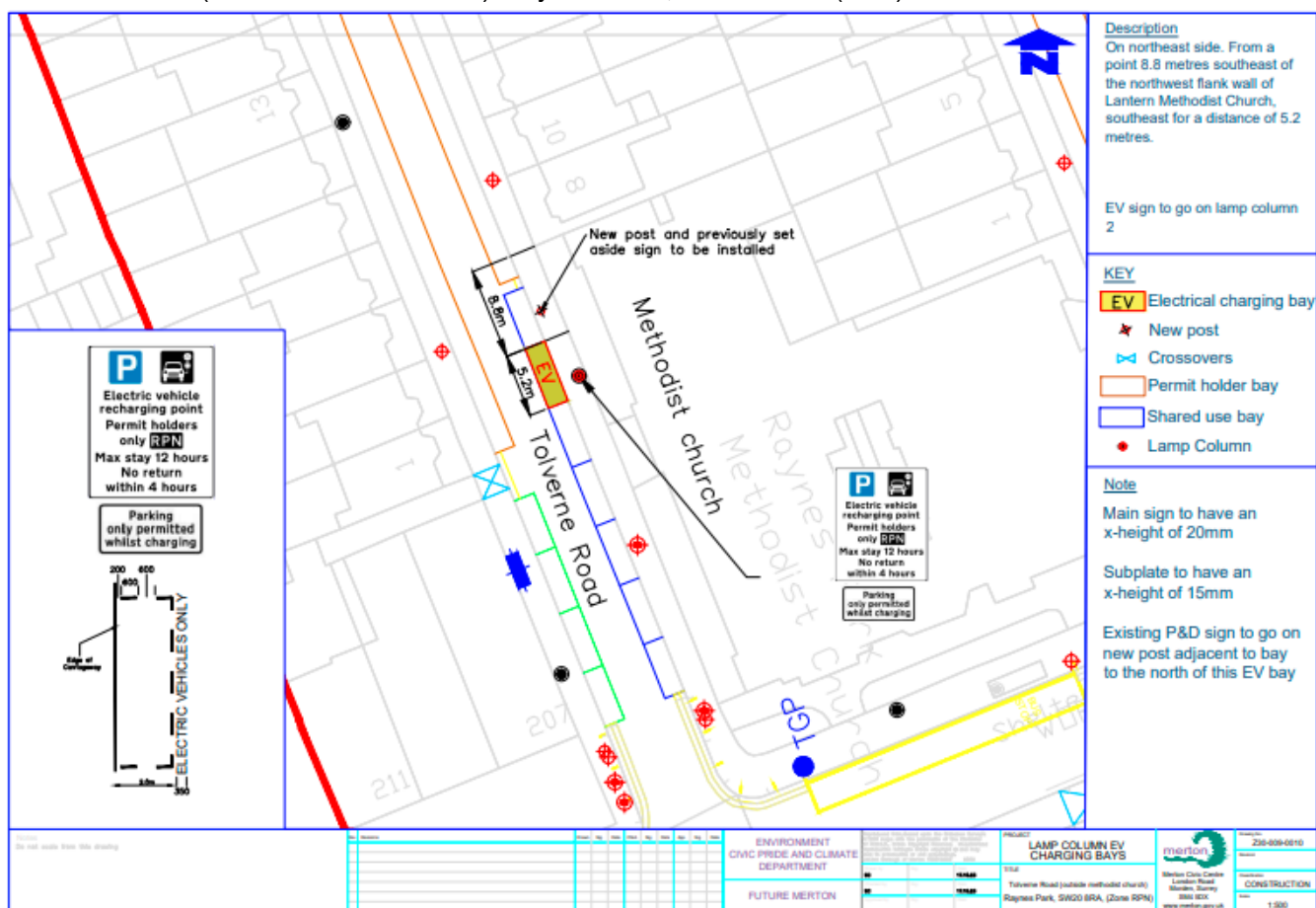
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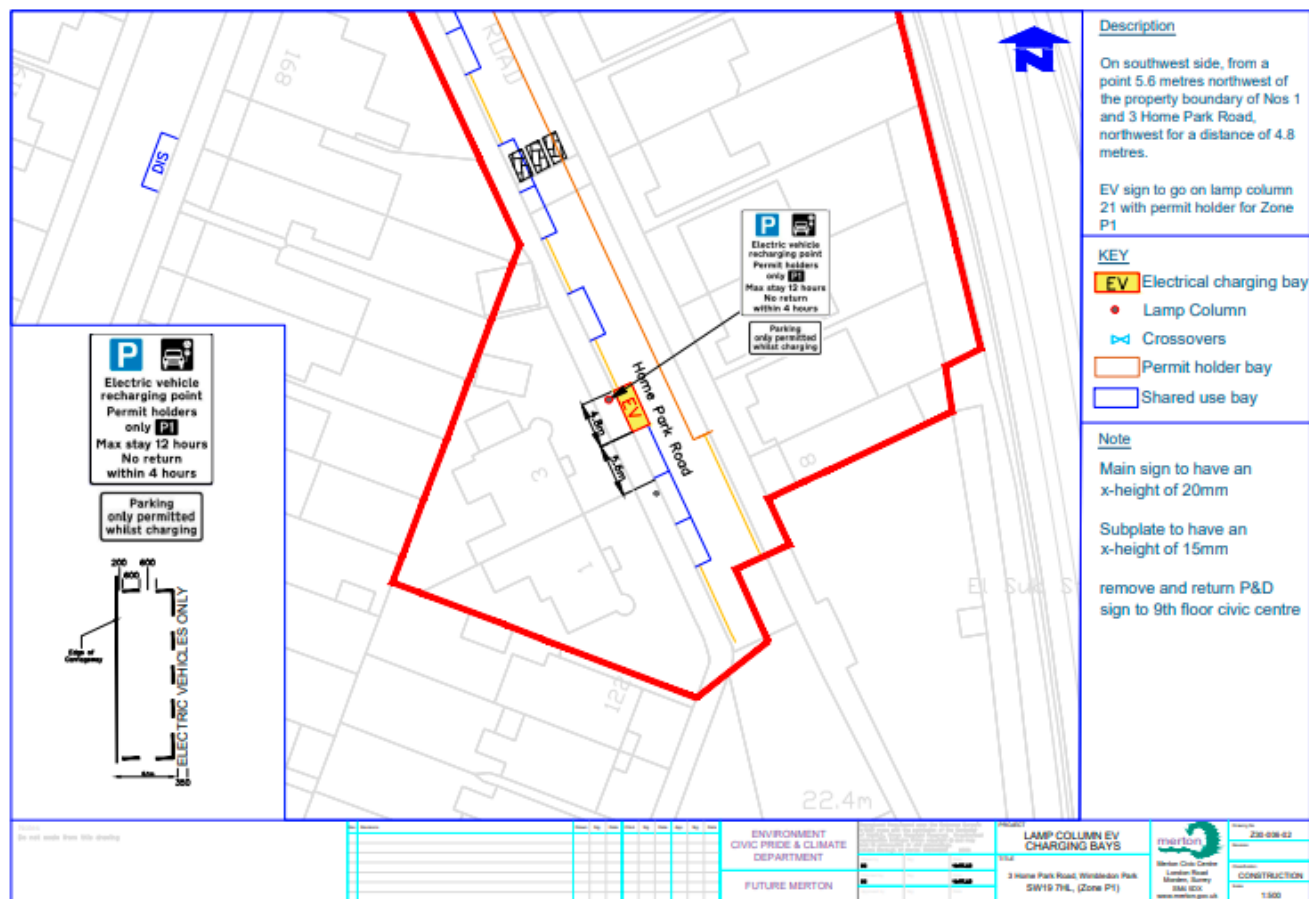
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