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Your Ref: Our Ref:

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Date: [date]

Dear [name],

Request for on-street charging of electric vehicles

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the possibility to be able to charge an electric vehicle ("EV") on the highway adjoining your property.

The Council recognises the benefits of EVs, particularly in relation to air quality, reducing carbon emissions, and the associated benefits to public health. We are seeing an increase in the number of requests from residents seeking permission to charge their EVs when they do not have a driveway or other off-road parking to allow for the safe charging of their EV.

The Council is prepared to construct a channel allowing a charging cable to be safely run over or across the footway between your property and the road on the following understanding:

- The Council will provide you with a written installation quotation for the cost of installing the required channel in the footway;
- If you accept the quote and pay the required sum to the Council, we will then carry out the necessary works.
- Once the works have been completed, you will be granted a formal Consent under section 178 of the Highways Act 1980 to use that channel for the charging cable.

Please note:

- (a) If you do not wish the Council to proceed with the works, then no Consent will be issued.
- (b) You **must not** run a charging cable over any part of the highway in question **except** in strict accordance with a written Consent having been issued by the Council.





- (c) Any such Consent will be personal to you and cannot be passed on to a subsequent owner/occupier of your property (e.g., should you sell it at some point in the future) and any new prospective owner/occupier must be made aware that they would also need to apply to us for their own Consent in that respect.
- (d) It is an offence to place a cable over or across the highway without the Council's written consent, and it is also an offence for anyone to fail to comply with the terms or conditions of any such Consent granted.

If you do wish to proceed in this matter, please let me know and I shall prepare a quotation for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kris Westerby

Highways Delivery Manager