

Covering Statement for Osprey development at Mirfield Garden Centre

We are seeking planning permission from Kirklees Metropolitan Council for the erection of an 8 charger, high powered DC (rapid), Electric Vehicle charging hub; and associated substation and electrical infrastructure.

It is our intention to make the proposed development Mirfield Garden Centre one of our flagship hubs sites in the UK, which will create a huge buzz and PR focus in the area.

Osprey Charging Network already have completed in excess of 230 sites around Britain and have witnessed the ever-increasing need for high power, public, EV charging; as well as a need for the provision of slower speed charging for customers who have much longer dwell times.

Kirklees Metropolitan Council, as stated on kirkleestogether.co.uk, have the ambition to be a leader in Electric Vehicles and Charging infrastructure. The council has already invested in public charge points and has plans to continue this rollout. Further, the council has already started to transition it's own vehicles to ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicle), with 20 electric cars, 5 electric vans and 50 hybrid cars, with a further 50 electric vans on order. Osprey Charging Network believe that, through the development of this charging hub and others like it, Kirklees Metropolitan Council will be well placed to encourage local residents to make the switch; confident in the knowledge that there is sufficient infrastructure available for them to do so; improving air quality for all.

While electric vehicles currently only account for 2% of the vehicles on UK roads, that number is expected to rise to over 30% by 2030.

Not all homes and EV drivers will have access to off-street parking (over 30%) and they will be reliant on affordable and accessible public charging infrastructure. Osprey Charging Network's chargers are the most 'open' to EV drivers. All cars, regardless of charging port, can charge on the network and customers have an option to simply use contactless payment or an app, RFID or a subscription service. We cater to all drivers (including those with reduced mobility) and if there are drivers who regularly rely on and use our charge points, our subscription service allows them to sign up to a cheaper tariff as we understand not all customers have access to a private charger at home.