

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management**

2023/90873 Whiteleys Garden Centre, Far Common Road, Mirfield, WF14 0DQ

**Erection of 8 ultra-rapid electric vehicle chargers, substation and associated electrical
equipment**

Date Responded: 24/05/2023.

Responding Officer: D. Stainsby

Responding Ref: K10-7NW/8

RECOMMENDATION

Highways DM would support the provision of electric vehicle charging points, subject to a car parking survey being carried out to show that the loss of potentially 12 car parking spaces can be accommodated without adversely affecting the operation of the Garden Centre and highway safety.

The provision of electric vehicle charging points is generally supported by Highways DM. However, it is proposed that these charging points will be for use by the general public and not solely for the use of customers.

This will reduce the provision of car parking available on the site for customers of the Garden Centre and may lead to cars queueing for spaces and causing tailbacks backing out onto the highway or vehicles parking on the highway adjacent to the site causing highway safety issues.

As a result, the Applicant would need to provide evidence from a car parking survey of the Garden Centre or comparable businesses to justify that the loss of a potential 12 no. car parking spaces can be accommodated without affecting the operation of the Garden Centre and creating a potential highway safety problem.