

Heritage Statement

Property: 2 Share Hill, Golcar, HD7 4JQ

Proposal: Installation of Ohme ePod Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger

Listing Status: Listed Building (Grade II)

1. Introduction

This heritage statement supports a listed building consent application for the installation of an Ohme ePod electric vehicle charger at 2 Share Hill, Golcar, HD7 4JQ. The purpose of this installation is to support the transition to low-emission transport while ensuring that any works are sensitively managed in line with the building's historic and architectural significance.

2. Description of the Property

2 Share Hill is a Grade II listed property located in the conservation area of Golcar, a historic village in the Colne Valley. The building is a traditional Yorkshire stone-built house, with architectural features typical of the region, including mullioned windows and a simple rectangular plan form. It holds local significance due to its age, materials, and contribution to the character of the area.

3. Significance of the Heritage Asset

The heritage value of 2 Share Hill lies in its architectural style, materials, and its role within the historic streetscape of Golcar. As part of a traditional row of stone cottages, the property contributes to the visual and historic integrity of the area. The preservation of original external features, including masonry, windows, and roofline, is essential in maintaining this value.

4. Proposed Works

The proposal is to install an Ohme ePod EV charger on an external wall, preferably on a less visually prominent elevation, near an existing off-street parking space. The unit is compact and designed to be visually discreet, with a neutral finish (black in colour) to blend with the surroundings. The installation will involve minimal intervention, with cabling routed through the basement window to avoid damage to historic stonework.

5. Impact Assessment

The installation of the EV charger will have minimal impact on the significance of the listed building due to the following mitigation measures:

- **Location:** The unit will be installed on a secondary elevation or near ground level where visual impact is limited.
 - **Reversibility:** The charger and associated fixings can be removed with minimal intervention, leaving the stonework largely untouched.
 - **Sympathetic design:** The unit is modern and compact, designed to blend with contemporary and traditional settings.
 - **Preservation of fabric:** Fixings will be made into mortar joints rather than stone to avoid permanent alteration or damage.
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6. Justification

The proposal is consistent with national and local policy objectives to support the uptake of electric vehicles while safeguarding the historic environment. The approach balances sustainability goals with the need to protect the character and fabric of the listed building. The EV charger is essential for future-proofing the property and supporting environmentally responsible living without compromising its heritage value.

7. Conclusion

This proposal represents a sensitive and necessary adaptation to meet modern needs while respecting the historic character of 2 Share Hill. The installation of the Ohme ePod EV charger is low-impact, reversible, and sympathetic to the listed building's significance, and is therefore considered appropriate within the context of listed building consent.