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Dear Sir,

**RE: Proposed Installation of a Community EV Charger at Station Road, Holmfirth – Prior Approval under GPDO**

We are pleased to submit this application for prior approval under Part 2, Class E of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as updated May 2025, for the installation of a HYC 50kW rapid electric vehicle charging unit with ancillary electrical cabinet at Station Road, Holmfirth.

The site comprises an area of existing hardstanding lawfully used for parking, as confirmed by Certificate of Lawful Existing Use ref. 2024/CL/93000/W issued by Kirklees Council on 21 October 2024. The location benefits from a vehicular crossover onto Station Road and is bounded by a brick wall to the east, with informal off-street parking to the south. The site lies within the Holmfirth Conservation Area but is outside any flood risk zones.

We note that a similar prior approval application was recently found not lawful by Kirklees Council (ref: 2024/93604). However, since that decision, the permitted development legislation has been updated (May 2025), removing the previous requirement for EV upstands to be set a minimum of 2 metres from the back of the kerb. Accordingly, the proposed development now complies with the updated GPDO requirements.

The proposed development complies with all limitations and conditions of Class E, including:

- Upstand height not exceeding 2.7 metres;
- Not within the curtilage of a listed building or scheduled monument;
- Not within the curtilage of a residential building;
- One upstand per parking space.

The development is modest and low-impact, with a black-wrapped charger selected to harmonise with the surrounding area. The facility will provide an essential community EV charging service, supporting local sustainability objectives, reducing CO2 emissions, and promoting the transition to low-carbon transport.

The application 2025/62/90944/W for the installation of a 50kW EV charger with ancillary equipment at Station Road, Holmfirth, was originally submitted as a full planning application and remains undetermined. The application pre-dated the May 2025 GPDO update, which removed the previous restriction on installations within 2 metres of a public highway. Under the updated GPDO, the development is now permitted development on a lawful parking area.

This submission is made in line with previous successful applications for similar infrastructure, including:

- Guildford ref 25/P/00220
- Stoke ref 71665/CLP
- LB Croydon ref 24/02627/LP
- Burnley ref CEA/2025/0006



- LB Hounslow ref P/2024/2667
- Ashford ref PA/2024/0918
- Newcastle Under Lyme ref 24/00449/FUL
- Folkestone and Hythe ref 24/1202/FH
- Birmingham ref 2024/02080/PA
- LB Bexley ref 24/02379/LDCP
- Tendring DC ref 24/01237/LUPROP
- Cumberland ref 24/2284/0E1

These examples demonstrate that installations of this scale and type are consistently recognised as permitted development under the GPDO.

Supporting information submitted includes:

1. Application Form;
2. Site Location Plan;
3. Proposed Layout Plan;
4. Proposed Elevation;
5. Equipment Specification (HYC 50kW charger).

On the basis of the above, and the lawful use of the land for off-street parking, it is respectfully requested that Kirklees Council confirm that the proposed development constitutes permitted development and that prior approval is not required.

Should you require any further information, please contact me via email at [matthew.stimpson@zest.uk.com](mailto:matthew.stimpson@zest.uk.com) or by phone on 07758 856789.

Yours faithfully,

  
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