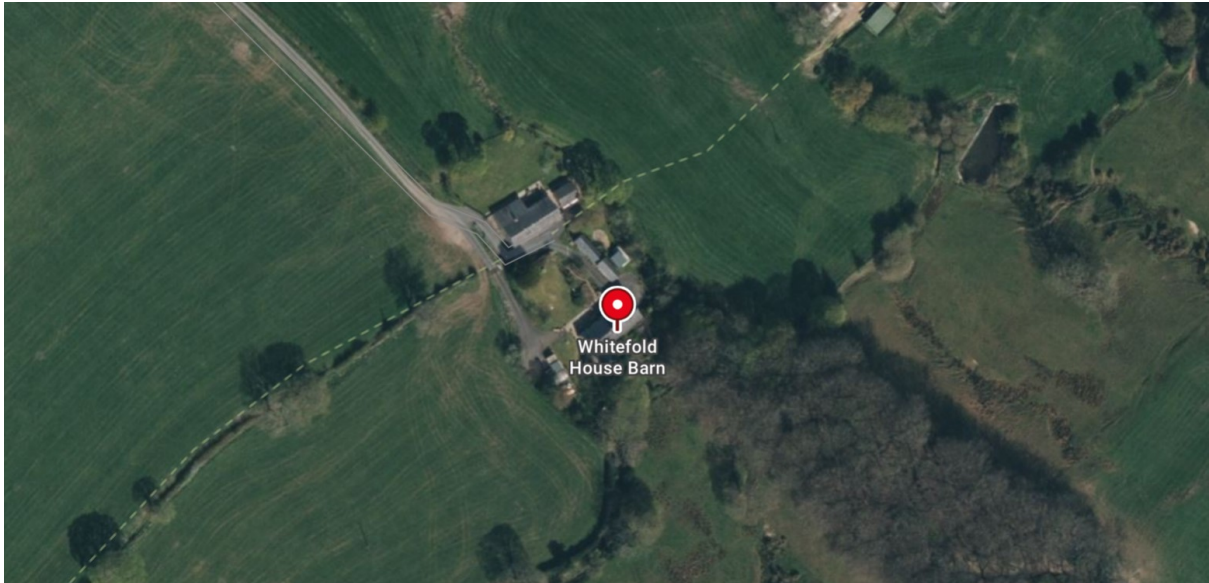


# Design and Access Statement

**Whitefold House Barn**

**Birks Brow, Longridge PR3 2TD**

**For David Cummins**



## Application Site

Whitefold House Barn is a Grade II listed building located off Birks Brow, north of Longridge. The site consists of a late 17th/early 18th-century sandstone barn conversion and an adjoining farmhouse. The property is set within a rural context and is served by an existing private driveway and hardstanding area used for domestic vehicle parking. The application site is situated within the existing residential curtilage

## Design Proposal

The proposal seeks to install a single charging unit to facilitate the transition to electric transport.

- **Amount and Scale:** The project involves one compact charging unit. Its small scale ensures it remains subservient to the large elevation of the barn.
- **Appearance and Materials:** The unit has been selected for its discreet aesthetic. It features a finish to minimize visual contrast with the historic stonework. All cabling will be routed via the most inconspicuous path possible, utilizing existing cable entries where feasible or following mortar joints.
- **Sustainability:** This proposal directly supports sustainable transport goals by providing the necessary infrastructure for a zero-emission vehicle, in line with local and national environmental policies.

### Highway Considerations

The installation will have no impact on the local highway network (Birks Brow). The unit is located. Even if visible, its small size ensures there is no distraction to drivers or impact on the safety of the highway.

### Trees & Hedges

Groundworks are to be minimal during installation, and all trees and foliage (if any) are to be retained on site.

### Flooding

Flooding details have been checked and there are no flooding implications for this site.

### Access

The application will not affect the amenities of the site of neighbouring properties. The proposal will not lead to an increase in traffic.

### Conclusion

The project complies with both local and national planning policies by:

- **Preserving Heritage:** Maintaining the "special interest" of the barn through a small-scale, reversible installation.
- **Supporting Sustainability:** Enabling the use of zero-emission technology at a domestic level, contributing to the UK's "Net Zero" targets.
- **Safety:** Ensuring all charging activity remains safely within the private curtilage of the site with zero impact on the public highway.

The proposed installation of an electric vehicle charging point at Whitefold House Barn represents a minor and sympathetic addition to the property. Great care has been taken to ensure the design is discreet and the placement is functional without detracting from the architectural integrity of the Grade II listed structure.