

Heritage Statement

Project: Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCP)

Site: Whitefold House Barn, Birks Brow, Longridge, PR3 2TD

Listing Reference: Grade II (List Entry Number: 1362243)

1. Assessment of Heritage Significance

Whitefold House Barn is a Grade II listed structure dating back to the late 17th or early 18th century. It is constructed of sandstone rubble with a slate roof and is physically attached to the north-east of the original farmhouse.

The significance of the building lies in its architectural interest as a well-preserved example of regional agricultural vernacular and its historical interest as part of the rural development of the Ribble Valley. Key features include the massive sandstone walls, which contribute to the building's character and its setting within the landscape.

2. Assessment of Impact

The proposal involves the installation of a single domestic Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCP) on an external wall.

- **Visual Impact:** To minimize the impact on the historic character, the charger has been sited on the front, but is not prominently visible from the public highway.
- **Physical Impact:** The installation requires minimal intervention into the historic fabric. The unit will be surface-mounted, and the cabling will follow existing mortar joints where possible to avoid drilling into the sandstone blocks.
- **Scale:** The unit dimensions ensure that it remains an unobtrusive addition to the large expanse of the barn wall.

3. Mitigation Strategy

To preserve the special interest of the listed building, the following mitigation measures will be taken:

- **Discreet Design:** The charger chosen is finished to blend with the shadows and tones of the sandstone.
- **Reversible Intervention:** All fixings will be made into the mortar joints rather than the stone face. The installation is fully reversible; should the charger be

removed in the future, the holes can be filled with matching lime mortar, leaving no permanent damage to the heritage asset.

- **Cable Routing:** Any external cabling will be encased and routed along natural architectural lines (such as the plinth or internal corners) to remain as inconspicuous as possible.

4. Conclusion

The proposed works represent a "less than substantial harm" to the heritage asset. The public and environmental benefits of supporting zero-emission transport at a domestic residence outweigh the minor and reversible physical impact on the barn. The project complies with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) by ensuring the conservation of the heritage asset while allowing it to function as a modern dwelling.

5. Photo

