

Covering Statement for Osprey Development at Plas Coch Retail Park

We are seeking planning permission from Wrexham County Borough Council for the erection of an electrical substation and a 6 charger, high-powered DC (rapid), Electric Vehicle charging hub. It is our intention to make the development at Plas Coch Retail Park one of our flagship hubs sites in the UK, which will create a huge buzz and PR focus in the area.

Osprey Charging Network is the applicant. The wider site is owned by Ediston Property Investment Company PLC as certified by the certificate B form within the application. The red line boundary includes only the area of the development for which planning permission is being sought. There is no blue line boundary shown as the applicant (Osprey) is not a landowner.

Osprey Charging Network has already completed in excess of 250 sites around Britain and has witnessed the ever-increasing need for high-power, public, EV charging; as well as a need for the provision of slower speed charging for customers who have much longer dwell times.

Wrexham County Borough Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and aims to have net zero carbon emissions by 2030. It's an ambitious agenda and projects, such as the proposed, are an essential part of this goal, helping locals to make the switch to zero emissions vehicles.

As stated in their Decarbonisation Plan (2021-2030), Wrexham County Borough Council is one of the leading Welsh local authorities to install Electric Vehicle Charging Points in publicly accessible car parks. While this is a great start, there is an ever-growing need for the provision of more, high speed, charge points. These would offer both residents and visitors a method of very quickly recharging their vehicles, rather than having to charge for a number of hours on a slower charger. Further, for the same number of charge points, more vehicles can be recharged in a given time period.

While battery electric vehicles currently only account for 2.1% of the vehicles on UK roads, that number is expected to rise to over 30% by 2030. In the UK, not all homes and EV drivers will have access to off-street parking (over 30%) and they will be reliant on affordable and accessible public charging infrastructure. Osprey Charging Network's chargers are the most 'open' to EV drivers. All cars, regardless of charging port, can charge on the network and customers have an option to simply use contactless payment, an app, RFID or a subscription service. We cater to all drivers; including those with reduced mobility; and if there are drivers who regularly rely on and use our charge points, our subscription service allows them to sign up to a cheaper tariff as we understand not all customers have access to a private charger at home.