

## Planning Officer's Report – LDCA SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>2024/33</b> – Proposed Installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger for a period of four months
<b>PERMISSION SOUGHT</b>	Full Permission
<b>REGISTERED</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Jeremy Hart Limited
<b>LOCALITY</b>	Museum Car Park, Jamestown
<b>ZONE</b>	Intermediate Zone
<b>CONSERVATION AREA</b>	Heritage Coast
<b>CURRENT USE</b>	Car Park
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	The application was advertised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sentinel Newspaper on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024</li><li>▪ A site notice displayed in accordance with Regulations.</li></ul>
<b>EXPIRY</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>REPRESENTATIONS</b>	None Received
<b>DECISION ROUTE</b>	<del>Delegated</del> / <b>LDCA</b> / <del>EXCO</del>

### A. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

1. Sewage & Water Division	No Objection - Comments
2. Energy Division	No Response
3. Fire & Rescue	No Response
4. Roads Section	No Objection
5. Property Division	No Response
6. Environmental Management	No Response
7. Public Health	No Response
8. Agriculture & Natural Resources	No Response
9. St Helena Police Services	Not Consulted
10. Aerodrome Safe Guarding	Not Consulted
11. Economic Development	(Agent) No Objection - Comments
12. National Trust	No Response
13. Sure SA Ltd	No Objection
14. Heritage Society	No Objection - Comments
15. Maritime	Not Applicable

## B. PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL

Diagram 1: Location Plan

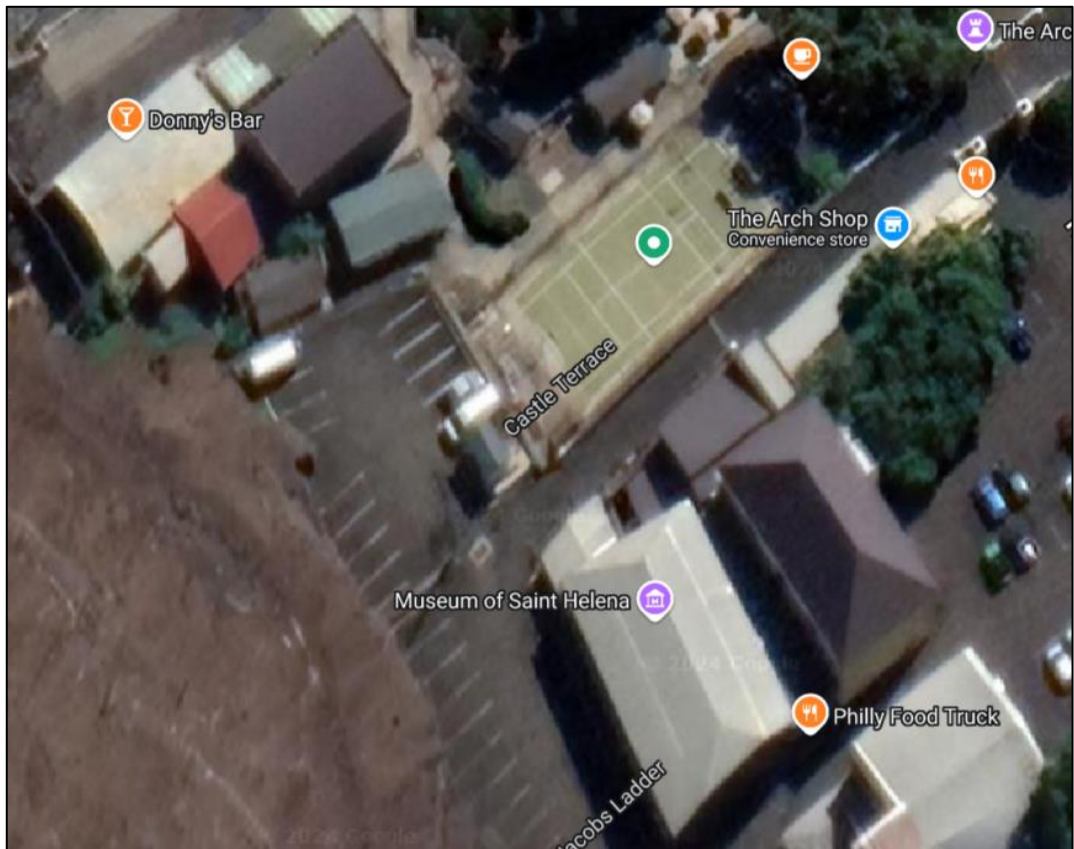
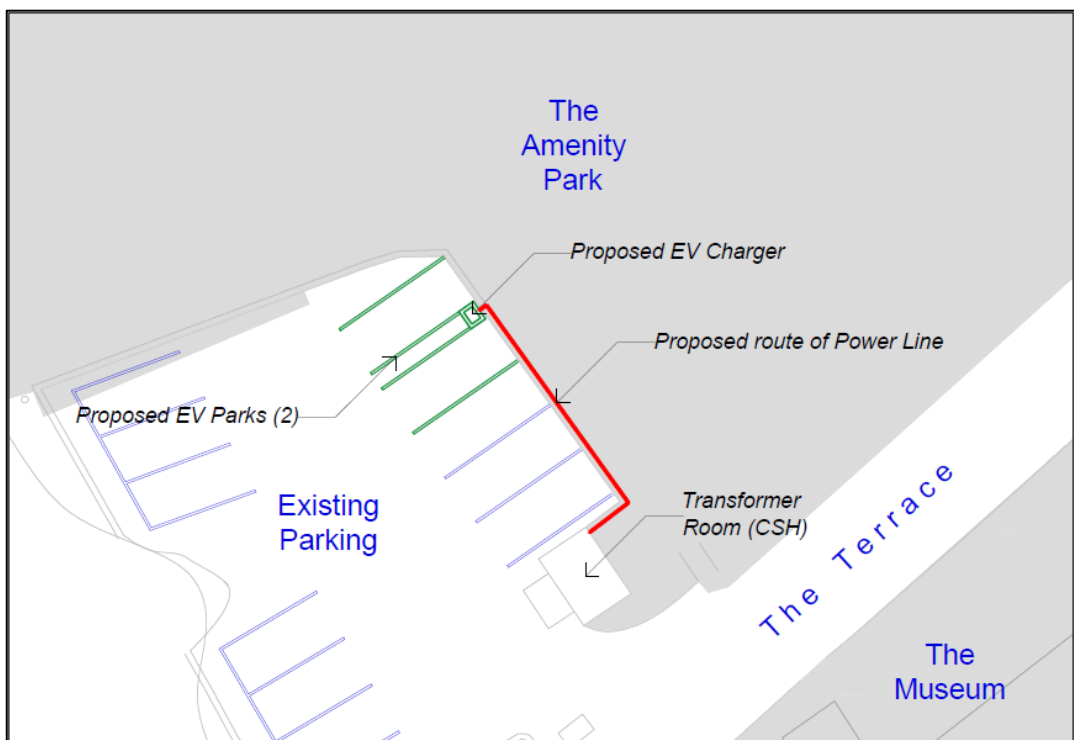


Diagram 2: Site Layout



## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposal is to install a single freestanding electric vehicle (EV) charging cabinet on a 1.5m high post within the Museum Car Park for a period of four months. The charger itself will be a maximum 256mm x 193mm x 106mm. The scheme would be in a matt black colour coating.

The purpose of this proposal is part of a larger media initiative focused on creating content that showcases the charging and usage of an electric vehicle on one of the world's most remote islands. The applicant in partnership with Subaru and Easee Chargers, will provide a vehicle with charging units as well as a film crew for the project scheduled to take place in November 2024.

In terms of the installation a small concrete pad will be constructed for the unit to be sited upon. Electricity supply to the unit will be managed through trunking that will run behind the curbing to the unit.

**Diagram 3: EV Charging Unit with Pole Mounted Support**



## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK & REPRESENTATIONS

There were no objections received from stakeholders or members of the public.

Comments were received from the following stakeholders:

**Heritage Society** – ‘The Heritage Society welcomes this proposed development but points out that the development site is within the Jamestown Historic Conservation Area and recommends that SHG should urgently prepare a traffic and parking strategy for Jamestown because it is drowning under parked vehicles.’

**Connect Water & Sewerage** – Note sewer main in the area, permit to dig (PTD) advised if any excavation is required.

**Economic Development (Agent)** – ‘The Economic Development team support this application. Whilst the installation is temporary it will allow for filming to take place at the location as well as Island wide. The resulting coverage will be beneficial for the Island as it will be used by a major car brand for advertising their new EV brand in UK, Europe and potentially picked up by their global advertising unit. Also will be used by the owner of the EV charging unit in their advertising.’

## LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

The relevant policies of the Land Development Control Plan (LDCP 2012 - 2022) that are applicable in the assessment of the proposed development are set out below:

- Intermediate Zone Policy IZ1 b)
- Built Heritage Policies BH1 c) & BH5
- Energy Policy: E1 a)

## OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

The proposal is to install an electric vehicle charger for a period of four months as part of a marketing initiative put forward by the applicant. It is not foreseen at this stage for this development to remain on a permanent basis, unless an organization from the private sector decides to manage the operation and maintenance of the unit, which would be subject to a full development permission to retain.

In assessing the proposal, this will be the first installation of an EV charger within the public space for the island. This proposal will result in the loss of 2 parking spaces initially during the installation and testing phase, as well as during the two week filming period (expected in November 2024) for when a vehicle will need to be charged. Roads section have not raised any objections and the loss of two parking spaces in this parking location to the rear of the Museum is not considered to be unacceptable as this will be on a temporary basis and will not be during the peak holiday season.

There is no excavation envisaged with just a concrete pad to be poured on top of the current ground surfacing (parking tarmac) to support the unit.

The visual impact will be minimal due to its slim design, post measuring approximately 1.5m in height and charger would be of a small scale and in matt black such that it is not considered at this location that the use or appearance of the development will have any adverse impacts on the setting of the Jamestown Conservation Area.

It should be noted that although two locations are being considered under separate development applications, only one unit will be installed at either location. The other location is also for consideration on this agenda.

Overall, the proposal complies with the relevant policies, principles and strategy within the LDCP for the protection of land and natural resources from inappropriate development and pollution, as it will provide infrastructure that is considered appropriate for reducing pollution whilst offering a sustainable solution, as well as facilitating basic infrastructure necessary to enable wider of the island, even if it is currently being provided on a temporary basis.