

Objection Your reference 25/00466/FP, 5 March 2025

Installation of EV charging zones, including the erection of sub-station enclosure, LV panel, meter cabinet and associated works. Morrisons Superstore, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3TS.

1. This proposal contravenes the Council's own "Letchworth Garden City Town Centre Strategy". Available at: www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/northherts-cms/files/files/pages_from_ltc_strat_adopted_print_lowres_part2a_2.pdf

The strategy places this store and car park within Letchworth Conservation Area "the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance".

At para 6.5 it states that within a conservation area there is "a legal requirement that all development should pay special attention to **the desirability of preserving or enhancing the [area's] character or appearance.**"

This EV proposal pays no attention to preserving or enhancing the character of the area. Indeed, it reduces it.

2. The National Planning Policy Framework states:

9. Promoting sustainable transport

108 Transport issues should be considered

(d) including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, **and for net environmental gains;**

Available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/9-promoting-sustainable-transport>

This proposal creates an adverse effect, contrary to avoiding it.

3. The 'What you can comment on' in your planning application web site indicates the basis of planning issues that we can object to in a proposal, including:

- the effect on neighbours' daylight, sunlight or privacy
- the impact of traffic, road access, parking and servicing,
- the impact on amenity such as noise generated by the proposal

The privacy for local residents will be directly affected by the increase in use and impact of traffic together with the high frequency noise impacting 24 hours per day.

Available at: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/view-or-comment-planning-application>

4. The original planning approval (24 July 1997) gives great weight to safeguarding the residential amenities of adjoining occupiers including noise impact.

This EV charging point application contravenes all these well-intentioned policies in the world's first garden city. It should be dismissed.