

35903 TR0/21/24 On-street Charging Facilities

Under TR0/21/24 on-street charging facilities are being installed at 11 locations throughout the City, including East London Street. I would like to receive:

Details of all objections submitted with respect to this location (East London Street) and any internal or external correspondence/documents relating to the consideration of these objections.

The table below contains details of the objections received for East London Street during the Traffic Regulation Order consultation period and the Council's response to repel these objections:

Topic	No. of objections	Objection example	Response
Loss of residents parking	2	The proposed location will result in the loss of residents parking within the parking permit zone 6.	The proposed electric vehicle charging bays create a minor reduction in shared use parking bays, however reassigning these bays for electric vehicles will benefit local residents by having access to the chargers. There has been an overall increase in the number of parking bays for use by residents within the parking permit zone 6 with the introduction of Sunday and shared use parking controls. These objections should be repelled on the above factors.
Increase of traffic outside the primary school	1	The proposed location will result in an increase of traffic outside the primary school and there is a safety concern for parents and children walking to school.	The proposed electric vehicle charging bays are to be located on the opposite side of the carriageway where there are already existing shared use bays. There is a build out located outside the primary school that has bollards and a pedestrian guardrail to protect pedestrians using the footway. The introduction of electric vehicle charging bays will reduce the amount of combustion engine vehicles in the street and thus improve air quality. This objection should be repelled on the above factors.

Copies of the road safety audit and any other impact assessments relating to the location of the charging places on this street.

The Council's Road Safety Team have confirmed that there is no requirement for a Road Safety Audit (RSA) for on-street Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure. The Council did however commission the Energy Saving Trust to complete a business case in 2018 to identify potential locations for Electric Vehicle charge points. The location selection criteria were based on the ease of installation and user convenience, and each location was scored accordingly. The business case also considered the impact and challenges of installing Electric Vehicle charge points in residential areas.

The business case can be viewed on the City of Edinburgh Council website at:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/Data/Transport and Environment Committee/20181004/Agenda/item_71_-_electric_vehicle_infrastructure_business_case.pdf

Details of the certificate of lawfulness that has been obtained for this work (as required according to the report made to the Transport and Environment Committee meeting in March 2019).

The Planning service within the City of Edinburgh Council have confirmed that a Certificate of Lawfulness is not required, as the charger units – which are treated as street furniture - benefit from permitted development rights under both Class 30 and Class 33 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992.