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Dear Sirs

ZC25/00902/CLOPUD
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR A PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGERS TO SERVE 4 EV CHARGING BAYS TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
ST WILFRIDS PLACE, RIPON, NORTH YORKSHIRE HG4 2AQ

Ripon Civic Society wishes to express concern about the above application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the installation of EV charges on this small parking area within the Ripon Conservation Area. We consider that the proposed white and pale blue chargers would be unacceptably obtrusive in this prominent location in the Conservation Area and that the applicant should be requested to substitute a dark colour.

We are aware that if the Council determines that the proposal is permitted development, there will be no opportunity to seek amendments. However, we do not consider that the application meets all the criteria for permitted development within Schedule 2, Part 2, Class E of the General Permitted Development Order 2015, since the chargers are within 2 metres of a highway i.e. Marshall Way. As such we believe that planning permission is required, thus providing opportunity for the Council to request changes to reduce the visual impact of the chargers.

We ask that you give full consideration to the points raised in this letter.

Yours faithfully

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