

Brief for Parish Council – 2-way EVCP at Jubilee Hall

As previously mentioned there is a project across the North of England to demonstrate how Electric Vehicles (EV) batteries could be used to stabilise power demand and support Warm Centres in the event of a power cut. This facility is managed via a 2-way EVCP (Electric Vehicle Charge Point) which enables power to flow back into the building instead of just outwards to charge an EV

The project is supported with funding by Innovate UK under a plan from DESNZ (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero).

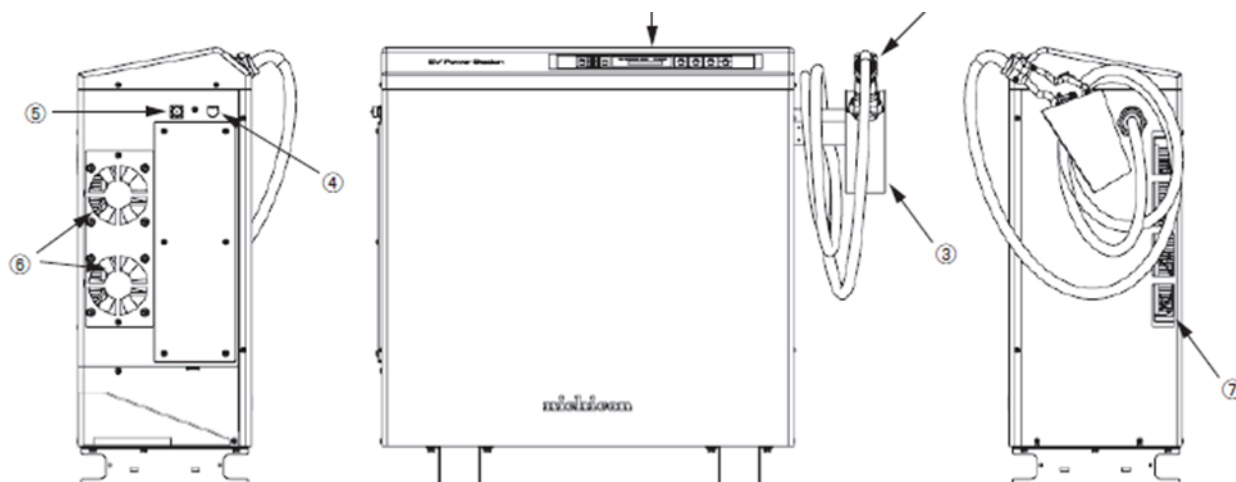
The project is entitled “Rural Energy Resistance” and three sites have been approved for the installation in the NE (more are approved in the NW). The three sites are Stanhope, Wolsingham and Jubilee Hall.

The project has now progressed to the point where a site survey has been completed and there appear no impediments to the installation of the EVCP, which is intended to be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.

The proposed siting at JH is as shown below with the coloured rectangle:



More details below:





The trustees of JH are OK with this proposal but obviously there is the question of access across the grass, which is owned by the PC.

Although this is registered as Village Green a check of the regulations shows this will not be an impediment according to a researcher working on the project

Here is what I've found out about village greens: <https://www.oss.org.uk/what-do-we-fight-for/village-greens/driving-and-parking-on-your-local-green-space/>

4.13 Parking in connection with the recreational use of the open space. While this should be avoided where possible, it is a legitimate use provided there is no alternative site available off the land and it is properly planned and managed. The amount of space required, its siting, treatment, and landscaping, will need to be considered by the owner and the local planning authority. (Even if these are the same body, it will be different departments and a special planning procedure is involved.) There should be full consultation with the local residents and their amenity organisations.

4.15 Parking in connection with the use of local establishments which seek to attract visitors, some more honourably than others (eg places of entertainment, clubs, public houses, restaurants, churches, museums, art galleries, libraries) in older premises without their own adequate parking space.

4.16 This must be opposed, but for occasional functions which are not likely to interfere with the proper use of the open space. In such a case, its owner may give special permission subject to appropriate conditions. Such a use must be for less than 28 days a year or planning permission is necessary.

The plan is to reinforce the area of grass next to the EVCP with mesh to minimise an damage to the grass.

Benefits:

1. It places West Rainton at the forefront of developing technology
2. It promotes JH as a Warm Centre in the event of power cuts, this is most likely to assist the Trustees in their application to NPG for funding for Solar Panels etc
3. It raises the profile of JH which may assist with grant applications for the refurbishment of the hall
4. It fits directly into the Net Zero plans of DCC – they are a supportive party for the project.

Approval being Sought

To install the unit on the slabs in front of JH and to develop a reinforced area of the grass for use when the EV is connected.

NB: it will be necessary to sign a lease agreement with Charge My Street Ltd (CmS) who are the organisation who will manage the unit once installed. CmS is a not-for-profit company based in Lancaster who own and manage EVCPs across the NW and East Anglia. They are one of the partners in the project.