

## HERITAGE STATEMENT

We have lived at the Limes for over 25 years and consider ourselves excellent custodians of this beautiful late Georgian property. The property is located at 3 London Road and was built circa 1820. It has a hipped slate roof. 3 c20 lateral stacks, bracketed moulded wooden eaves, two storeys, three bays and a central doorway. There are 4 steps up to this doorway with an ornate traceried fanlight and ornate panelled reveal. Either side there are single fluted doric half columns with triglyphs and guttae on dossierets open modillion pediment. Either side of the front door are single glazing bar sashes, three similar sashes above all with flush wedge lintels with scalloped blind hoods (this description has been adapted from the Historic England website).

The property is fastidiously maintained and recently has undergone extensive exterior decoration at significant cost. Please note my supporting photographs for the installation will bear testament to this.

The request to accommodate an EV car charging unit (the Ohme Home Pro) to the rear of the property has been made by the owners in a manner to have the minimum aesthetic impact to the Limes. Thus, the unit is proposed to be in an area that is hidden from public view. Furthermore, a unit that is compact and could potentially be removed at a later date with no lasting trace or visible degradation to the property has been selected.

Due to the nature of the building we have proposed a location that is not only practical but means a minimum of cabling to be seen externally. This has been suggested to and agreed as being both practical and achievable by the proposed installers (Octopus Energy). In short, we have kept the majority of the cabling internally to an area which is a functional service area and cabling is already visible. Thus this leaves the only noticeable change as being the charger unit itself which is to be mounted next to the back wall of the original house. This is approximately a metre away from the cellar window. We consider this to have the least detrimental impact to the ornamental music room (above to the right – see photo).

The installation of the charger will allow us to significantly reduce our carbon footprint due to the fact that the vehicle will do circa 8,000 miles per year.

The visual impact is therefore a low trade-off for the above benefit and the only people that can see this unit would be ourselves and our neighbours at number 3A. Mr. and Mrs. Aistrup have shared no concerns about this and their consent has been sought and agreed. No internal changes apart from cables in the functional cellar will be required if the proposed installation is agreed. We had considered another location on the back kitchen extension (circa 1950 – please see photo) but this route would require the lifting of very old floorboards and potential risk to the property or more obvious cabling externally. This completes our heritage statement and we ask you to grant permission for this minor update that could always be removed at a later date without trace. It will allow us to be more environmentally friendly for the benefit of us all and indeed the planet.

Kind regards

Mr and Mrs Steve Hayward



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