

## **Covering Statement for Osprey development at Cables Shopping Park, Prescott**

We are seeking planning permission from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council for the erection of an electrical substation and an 8 charger, high powered DC (rapid), Electric Vehicle charging hub. We are also seeking permission for the erection of a timber fence to surround the equipment. It is our intention to make the development at Cables Shopping Park one of our flagship hubs sites in the UK, which will create a huge buzz and PR focus in the area.

Osprey Charging Network already have completed in excess of 200 sites around Britain and have witnessed the ever-increasing need for high power, public, EV charging; as well as a need for the provision of slower speed charging for customers who have much longer dwell times.

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council is in the process of developing an electric vehicle strategy to support its climate emergency action plan. Outlined within the climate emergency action plan is an intention to replacing the council's vehicle fleet with electric vehicles. To support this transition a large increase in the number of electric vehicle chargers in the local area is needed. Osprey Charging Network believe that, through this proposal of 8 ultra-rapid electric vehicle chargers, we will be helping the council, and local residents, to make the switch to low carbon transportation.

While electric vehicles currently only account for 2.9% of the vehicles on UK roads, that number is expected to rise to over 30% by 2030.

Not all homes and EV drivers will have access to off-street parking (over 30%) and they will be reliant on affordable and accessible public charging infrastructure. Osprey Charging Network's chargers are the most 'open' to EV drivers. All cars, regardless of charging port, can charge on the network and customers have an option to simply use contactless payment or an app, RFID or a subscription service. We cater to all drivers (including those with reduced mobility) and if there are drivers who regularly rely on and use our charge points, our subscription service allows them to sign up to a cheaper tariff as we understand not all customers have access to a private charger at home.