

Reading Crown Court – Heritage statement – electric car charger install proposal 2022.

History – the building is Grade 2 Listed and the frontage (Baroque revival style) erected in 1861. A modern Court building was created behind the historic frontage at the end of the 1990's.

Character – Baroque revival style (frontage only)

Significance – historic in terms of famous Court cases heard in years gone by. It has been used by the assizes, the council and the Police.

Extent – new, primarily metal boxes, to be drilled into concrete supporting pillars in the underground car park to support electric car charging. New electrical cabling to distribution boards to follow existing routes and cabling where possible. This area of the building is all modern construction of circa 1998.

Impact – proposed install to be only visible in the underground car park area which is non historic and not in proximity to the heritage frontage of Reading Crown Court. The install would in no way detract from the significance and character of the historical frontage of the building.

Justification – the chargers will support the government zero carbon initiative by allowing Court staff and Judiciary to charge electric vehicles.