

## **Section 62A Planning Application:**

**S62A/2024/0059 Redland Filling Station, Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6JA**

### **Installation of vehicle charging points and associated infrastructure and associated works**

**Representation by Chris Booth a local resident.**

#### **I support the Application**

I live about 150 metres from the above site. I am pleased that my house is in a conservation area because it ensures that new developments are in character with the existing buildings.

I noticed work that commenced at the above filling station in 2021 to install vehicle charging points and associated infrastructure. I was pleased with this because I am committed to the Government's and local authority's aim to achieve net zero and because there are very few other local electric charging points. I understand that a major barrier to the take up of electric vehicles is the lack of charging points. In the area where I live there are very few houses with driveways so the installation of these new electric charging points seems an excellent idea.

I understand that the application falls within the same conservation area in which I live. This surprised me because the existing filling station buildings, adjacent houses and flats and other infrastructure is not at all of conservation or architectural value.

The charging points and the substation are very discreet compared to the other existing developments. For example

1. Only about three metres away from the substation is a very ugly metal gate with spikes on top. I recognise however that this is necessary to prevent unwanted access to the essential Wessex Water Sewage infrastructure.
2. At the back of the service station only about five or six metres from the charging points is an assemblage of several pipes of up to five or six metres high. However I recognise that these are essential safety requirements to vent the underground fuel storage tanks
3. Alongside the substation is an ugly fence. But this is necessary at the moment to prevent access to a deep hole where work on the above development stopped. This is now covered in large advertising banners.
4. Just around the corner from the above is a large Costa Coffee cup almost as tall as me.

Can I also add that points 3 and 4 impede vision of a car driver entering the service station. However, the substation and the charging points do not.

So, my point is that, although the application is apparently in a conservation area, we do not live in a perfect world and the existing site and immediate surrounds are of no conservation value. The proposed development is very discreet and in no way does

it appear inappropriate on this filling station. I have driven into the filling station many times and the substation does not impede my view of people or vehicles as I enter.

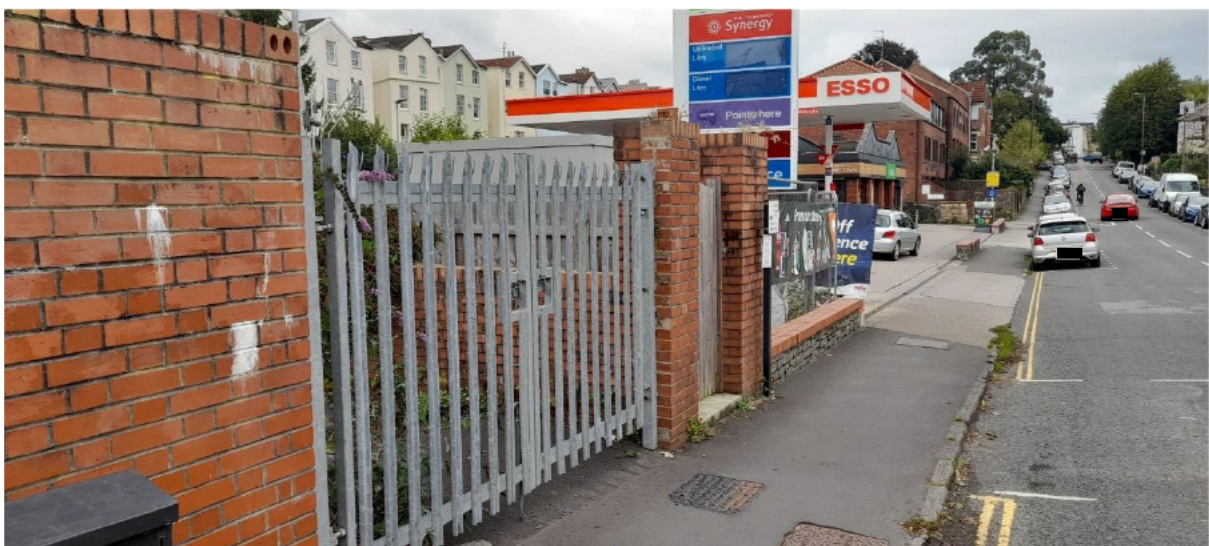
The purpose of the development is an extremely important one for reasons given above. To refuse the application would be completely disproportionate to the purpose.

I enclose photographs below to illustrate my points.

Chris Booth



General View of the Site and surrounds. No conservation value here.



Metal gate only 3 metres from new substation. No conservation value here.



View of Pipe Assemblage. No conservation value here.



The substation and charging points. Not conspicuous compared to huge Esso sign, advertising banners, Costa Coffee cup, flat roofed apartments and boundary fence.



View from the road just before entrance to the filling station. The substation does not impeded view of vehicles or pedestrians.