



Design Principles

# Electric Charging Points Guidance

In Letchworth Garden City



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**Letchworth  
Garden City**  
Heritage Foundation

# Electric Charging Points

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation is in support of electric vehicle charging facilities for homes.

The size of the charging unit and its location on the building are the most important aesthetic considerations when installing a unit on a property.

If possible, charging points should be located inside garages.

If not, discrete locations are preferable, such as a wall on the side of the house or garage (also known as the side elevation) or, in lieu of that, on the front elevation with planted screening to hide the unit.

## Acceptable Charging Point Installation



A proposal of this kind (above) would be accepted by the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation. This is because the charging point is located on the building's side elevation.



The above would be acceptable from the Foundation's perspective. Though the charging point is situated on the front elevation, there is a clear attempt to hide/reduce the unit's visual impact with planted screening.

It would be preferred that charging leads are removed from the unit when not in use to reduce visual impact.

If you require any advice regarding the installation of an electric charging point, please contact the Heritage Advice Service on:

**01462 530335 or [home@letchworth.com](mailto:home@letchworth.com)**

## Unacceptable Charging Point Installation



This installation (above) is located on the front elevation without any attempt to shield it from the street scene. Any proposal that resembled this could hinder your kerbside appeal and detract from the heritage value of the much cherished street scene in Letchworth.



This installation would be illegal and, therefore ill-advised, because the cable crosses a public highway.

# Contemplating changes?

We're here to help, call  
us now on: 01462 530335

We understand planning alterations to your home can be a complicated and at times stressful process.

The Heritage Advice Service are on hand to support you through every step of the application process. In fact, we'd be happy to help from the very start. The earlier you come to talk to us, the more guidance we can provide.

Whether your plans just exist in your head or are hand drawn, we can discuss your ideas and help you develop a scheme that meets your needs and the Principles.

We're happy to hold a pre-application meeting with your architects, builders and designers. Our desire is to make the process run as smoothly as possible.

Once your application is in the system, it will be assigned to a member of the team who will follow it through until conclusion. They will be your consistent point of contact for all your enquiries related to your application and will work with you to get your application dealt with as quickly as possible.