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Dear Ms Scott,

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Detached double garage

The Trust wishes to make a comment on the need to require a car charging point to be fitted to the garage.

The Trust has a reservation about the siting of this garage on the boundary of the new open space but raises no issue with this. Given the increase in local conversions to student accommodation there is also residual concern that these might follow. However, it does wish to support sustainability and its incorporation into new development.

This proposal is a new residential build and subject to National planning policy and the County Durham Plan and Durham City Neighbourhood Plan policies. It should be a requirement to provide a car charging point.

This is supported by the current consultation version of the Parking and Accessibility SPD paragraphs 4.16 to 4.18:

Para. 4.16 *Provision for electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints must now be made on all residential developments. The government has made a commitment that no new petrol or diesel cars should be sold from 2030 onwards and no new hybrids from 2035 so providing charging facilities now will help futureproof new housing and help the Council to respond to the climate emergency and reduce carbon emissions from the transport sector.*

This could easily be resolved by adding a relevant condition to require the installation post construction. The following planning policies apply:

National Planning Policy Framework

9. Promoting sustainable transport

112. Within this context, applications for development should:

e) be designed to enable charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles in safe, accessible and convenient locations.

County Durham Plan

Policy 21 Delivering Sustainable Transport

- appropriate provision for electric vehicle charging, including charge points and laying of cables, should be made on both residential and non-residential development where parking is provided.*

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Durham City Neighbourhood Plan

Policy D4: Building Housing to the Highest Standards

All new housing, and extensions and other alterations to existing housing, should be of high quality design relating to:

g) the improvement of energy efficiency and the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, City of Durham Trust