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There seems to be no provision for EV charging points, despite this being a commitment from the company on all new drive-through restaurants, made and announced on the company website on June 29th 2020 (extracts and link below).

Further, the SMDC planning department does not even seem to have thought this omission worthy of mention when in pre-application discussions with the developer.

The need for publicly available EV charging points in Leek is too obvious to need further explanation, has been repeatedly debated in the council chamber and without, and is a public commitment from the relevant in-place portfolio holders.

These commitments are backed by SMDC's Climate Action Plan, which has in recent decisions been decisively expressed through the planning process via the relevant sections of the Local Plan and should be in this decision.

Missing such an opportunity to match the public commitments of a large and well-funded international company with the clear needs of the town and district's residents (as well as the council's commitments under its Climate Action Plan) would seem to be how to put it politely? and surprising.

I respectfully suggest members of the planning committee ask for this omission to be rectified, as part of any decision they make.

I neither support nor object to the application.

McDonalds Press Release (excerpt)

McDonald's is today announcing plans to introduce electric vehicle (EV) rapid charging points as standard across new UK Drive-Thru restaurants, through a new partnership with InstaVolt. McDonald's ambition is to create a new nationwide charging network to support increasing demand for EVs, as the business looks to play its part in a greener economic recovery.

The partnership with InstaVolt, the largest owner-operated network of rapid EV chargers in the UK, marks a huge stride forward for EV charging infrastructure, and will also include the introduction of charging points at existing Drive-Thru restaurants within the McDonald's estate where possible.

McDonald's UK & Ireland's chief executive Paul Pomroy said the 'ultimate ambition' of the scheme is to ensure that the fast-food giant has more EV chargers on its estate than any other business in the nation.

'Appetite for electric vehicles, which will be a central part of the UK's efforts to build back greener post-Covid-19, is growing,' Pomroy said.

'This partnership and ambition takes advantage of our scale, and is a real step forward for those already driving EVs as well as people considering making the switch.'

https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/newsroom/article/ev_rollout.html

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