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Cllr **Ian Shenton**

By email for expediency - IanShenton@warwickshire.gov.uk

Dear Ian,

EV Charging Terminals - Henley High Street

May I personally thank you for your timely intervention in this rather disturbing issue.

On behalf of the JPC and the community at large, can I assure you that Henley embraces the inevitable advances in the technology being achieved in pollution-free vehicles on the roads of our town and the surrounds. We also appreciate that this initiative needs the appropriate infrastructure to support it.

Though pace in development strategy is key, it appears to me that maybe decisions were reached without due diligence, resulting in the *wrong* kind of chargers, sited in the *wrong* place and executed *without* an opportunity for the people who have vocalised their fears that such an installation will inevitably lead to an accident, to be heard.

I have no stomach for raking through the rhetoric exhibited thus far in the matter but simply ask that WCC and BP Pulse re-examine their undisclosed reasoning for siting the equipment on the High Street and at least give thought to re-siting them on one or two car parks in Henley, where locals and visitors might take advantage of the facility without raising health and safety issues. You have my assurance that the JPC will accommodate such revisions.

To date, the JPC have been able to manage the angst created in our community by these events, have even asked that a poll be conducted to understand the opinions that abound in the town, the mood is now taking on a more aggravated tone and I ask that you make representations to the WCC and their partners in this venture with some urgency.

In line with the JPC policies on accountability and transparency, a copy of this letter will be posted on our formal website.

I am available for any meeting you may be able to convene with the parties mentioned and await your response with great interest and anticipation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Evans'.

Ray Evans

Clerk & Proper Officer to the JPC