

Area Board Briefing Note

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Project

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Introduction

Wiltshire Council is asking for your views on where electric vehicle (EV) chargers could be installed in your communities.

In the year up to August 2024, 25% of all UK new car sales were electric vehicles, but not everyone has easy access to electric charging. In the UK around 80% of all EV charging is done at home, However, if you live in a house with no off-street parking then you can't legally install a home charger and you must rely on public charging.

As part of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) project in Wiltshire, the council is looking to build a network of public on-street residential EV chargers throughout the county, ensuring public EV chargers are available for the residents who need them most.

Right Charger, Right Place

Wiltshire Council have been allocated £3.88m by the Department for Transport to build public on-street residential charging, primarily to serve residents without access to a home charger.

We will be partnering with commercial charge point operators (CPO's) to ensure we can deliver rapidly and at scale. Partner CPO's will bring sector expertise and contribute private funding, which will increase the number of EV charge points the LEVI project can deliver.

Data Led, Community Informed

The identification of priority sites for LEVI chargers will be led by robust data, but we also need to be informed by local knowledge about where there is a need for chargers in your communities, and where the most suitable locations are.

We are asking parish and town councils to share insights that will inform where electric vehicle chargers could be put in your community. Your responses to the survey, linked below, will be critical in our identifying areas of need and appropriate instal locations.

Survey Link: [Wiltshire Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure community survey](#)

Deadline for completion: 18th December 2024

Some town/parish councils have decided they don't have enough specific local information to fully complete the survey and have invited local residents to provide survey responses. This is acceptable, however, information supplied directly from councils will be given priority weighting.

If any town/parish council believes the survey too blunt a tool to fully capture their circumstances (e.g. area too big and varied), then please get in touch directly and we will organise discussions.

Details of EV Charging Provision

Many CPO's offer to instal and operate EV chargers at zero cost to the landowner. However, these arrangements are generally only offered to locations that are currently commercially attractive, provide the host little control over locations and tariffs, and often incorporate unfavourable terms and conditions.

EV chargers installed through the LEVI project will be supplied, operated and maintained within the terms and conditions of a central contract, developed in collaboration with government advisory bodies. This approach will guarantee social equity of charger provision, ensuring rural and socially deprived areas see charging provision. Contract terms and key performance indicators will also ensure that tariffs are competitive, and any maintenance issues are resolved quickly.

Further Information

If you require any further information on the LEVI project, the survey or EV charging in general, please get in touch through the details at the head of this briefing note.

Thank you for your time and support.