

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

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Mr Email: v@gmail.com

Dear Mr Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Electric Vehicle Charging

I refer to your FOI request as above and respond as follows:

- 1. What are Strabane District Council's plans regarding central governments initiative to improve the national infrastructure for Electric Vehicle charging? **Response**: The council area and Northern Ireland as a whole has an extensive public EV charging network. Link included to map indicating locations, type and size of charger. https://www.ecarni.com/charge-point-map
- 2. What provision do you provide already?
 - i. Number and type of chargers already deployed. Where are they located? **Response**: Details available on ecar charge point map as above
 - Are these chargers available to the public? If so are there any access ii. restrictions?

Response: Chargers are located in public off street car parks, accessible 24 hours per day.

- How were these chargers funded? If OLEV funded under which scheme iii. and when?
 - **Response:** Funded by OLEV "Plugged in Places" scheme in 2010
- 3. What are your plans to deploy chargers or increase the number of chargers in public places and when is this scheduled to happen?

Response: Council has no immediate plans to extend the number of charge points, but will review the situation as more EV's are registered in the local area.

4. If you already have deployed charging what percentage of usage if for your vehicles in comparison to public utilisation.

Response: Council do not have access to this information as Department of Infrastructure manage the charge point access system on behalf of all Councils in Northern Ireland. The DfI can be contacted at:

Department for Infrastructure (Transport NI)

Departmental Coordination Unit Clarence Court 10-18 Adelaide Street Belfast BT2 8GB

Email: dcu@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk Telephone: 028 9054 0540

- 5. If your chargers are in public car parks do you or your car park management partners enforce them and if so what is the penalty for inappropriate use?
 - Are these bays clearly marked as Charging bays i. **Response:** All bays are clearly identified with penalties imposed if non EV's are parked in the bays.
- 6. What are the roadblocks that Strabane District Council has encountered in trying to deliver the EV infrastructure?

Response: Council has not installed any EV public charging points. All points where installed by Department of Infrastructure on a Northern Ireland wide basis.

7. Does your Planning department require all new car parking where the public will be the primary visitors, ie retail parks, superstore, leisure facilities etc. to have EV charging provisions?

Response: Planning legislation does not require public car parks to provide EV Charging points.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie **Chief Executive** Derry City and Strabane District Council 98 Strand Road Derry **BT48 7NN** Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House

Water Lane Wilmslow

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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