

Ward Councillor Consultation Results

Ward Councillor Comments	Officer Response
Cllr Middleton - St Andrews: Can you confirm what type and capacity of the charger will be installed at these locations please? There are currently several different standards used for charging vehicles, what connectivity will these offer? Will these be the 7.5KWH charges that give around 35 miles travel distance per hour of charging or will there be an option of the Rapid Charging points that allow for a much higher throughput in charge.	Response: They will be 7kwh chargers, the Government ORCS funding scheme is aimed primarily at overnight charging. Rapid chargers were not an option under this scheme but may be in future grant opportunities from Government.
Will these charging points be free to use or will they be tied to a supplier (i.e. PodPoint)? If they are tied to a supplier, which supplier has been chosen and how were they chosen.	There is a procurement process underway currently managed by the Specialist Procurement Unit at the Council.
How will the council discourage people who are not charging their vehicle from parking in these spots? Will the CEOs be issuing PCNs for parking while not charging?	Parking costs will be waived in the EVCP bays whilst charging between 6pm and 8am and for up to four hours maximum at all other times. Enforcement will apply to non EVs parked in the EV charging bays.
Will the person charging the vehicle require to pay for parking at the same time as they charge the vehicle? If not, what how long after the	Whilst charging during the times and periods proposed, there will not be a cost to park as well as charge an EV.

charge has completed will the vehicle owner be allowed to park for free?	
Cllr O’Sullivan - St Andrews: The first being the proposed location of the charging points. These are prime parking bays which are used very heavily by our older and more infirmed residents because they are nearer to the shopping areas in Hornchurch. In addition, it is noticeable that charging points around the borough particularly in supermarkets are currently under used therefore taking up valuable parking spaces. I would suggest it would be more practical to have the bays at the rear of the cark parks rather than the prime locations.	The specific bays at all 12 sites were chosen based primarily on the proximity to an electrical supply. The ORCS funding scheme put a maximum cost per charge point so some bays would be simply too expensive to convert under the scheme. All new EVCP bays will have widened areas to allow disabled drivers to charge their vehicles. It is anticipated that all age groups will use the EVCP bays to charge their vehicles, especially as more and more people own or use an EV.
What will the charging policy be for residents using the charging bays? Will charging your vehicle be free if not what will the proposed tariff be? Furthermore, will an electric car owner be able to park in these bays even if they do not charge their vehicles?	All users will be charged to use the chargers, much like refuelling a petrol or diesel vehicle, though it is likely to cost much less. Only EV users charging their vehicle will be allowed to use the EV bays, they are not there to be used purely to park a vehicle. The tariff will be known after the procurement process.
Why were Councillor’s Middleton, Mylod and I not consulted on this proposal prior to receiving your email? It could have reduced the number of questions we all have and saved valuable time.	The Council only received confirmation of funding for the project recently, which is why consultation with Members in the affected Wards was taking place now, before going to Highways Advisory Committee (HAC) and then the wider consultation with residents.

Cllr Michael Deon Burton – South Hornchurch Please, if you might provide myself with the number of powered carriages/vehicles designated to the South Hornchurch Ward location?	Officers don't hold details of the number of EVs owned by Ward unfortunately but local people will have the opportunity to charge an EV at the Cherry Tree Lane car park if they cannot do so at home.
Cllr Carole Beth – Gooshays: Just one thought the e/v charging points will all be situated in parking bays that have to be paid for, will vehicles being recharged be classed as exempt from parking charges, cos if not what will be the point of putting them were you have suggested.	It will be free to park in the EVCP bays whilst charging an EV only, there will be a cost to the user to charge the vehicle in the same way you would pay to put petrol or diesel in a vehicle, though it will be considerably cheaper to do so. An agreed percentage of the revenue for the use of a charger unit will be allocated to the Council.
Cllr Judith Holt – Romford Town: I was speaking to some residents in Artesian Close, Hornchurch, about this today and they were wondering if an electric charge point could be installed there?	Officers can include that location onto the list for future considerations.
Councillor Robert Benham - Brooklands: Thank you for your email.	

I am very much in favour of installing electric charging points and it is something that our residents are asking for more frequently. With regards to the site location. As I understand the Queen's hospital have submitted a planning application for an additional multi-storey car park, which may make this council car park in Oldchurch Rise somewhat surplus to requirement in the future. Therefore, how easily could the charging points be moved to a different location later down the line? Furthermore, there is a small parcel of land to the east of the car park, which could be used to extend the current car park to provide additional parking. Hence copying Nicolina Cooper into this email.	The chargers are planned to be installed in sockets both to enable them to be replaced easily should they get damaged or should technology improvements become available in the future. This will also enable them to be re-used /re-located should that be required however the underground infrastructure (cabling/ducting etc.) would not be able to be re-used.
Councillor Roger Ramsey – Emerson Park: Thank you for this information. I have no comments about the proposal.	Noted
Councillor Ray Morgon – Hacton: Thank you for your e-mail.	Noted

As this part of Hacton Ward will be moving into Elm Park Ward shortly, it is probably more appropriate for the Elm Park Ward Councillors to make any comment. (The email was copied to the Elm Park Ward Councillors by Councillor Morgon).	
Councillor Nisha Patel – Romford Town: Thank you for the update	Noted
Councillor Joshua Chapman – Romford Town: Many thanks.	Noted