



My Ref: FOI 5643
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Whilst this may be money from outwith the borough's accounts, it's still taxpayers' money.

1. What value-for-money safeguards are being considered?

Within the procurement exercise there will be scoring done to ensure that any delivery partner is installing against performance metrics. We also ask for transparency and accountability against set goals they set within the procurement to ensure they deliver against the funding and targets provided.

2. How many EVs are registered in, or visit the borough daily, today?

As of September 2025 there is currently 9,060 electric vehicles in Barnsley. We don't hold data on the amount of electric vehicles that visit the borough daily.

3. How many more EVs are expected to be in use following this initiative, over what timescale?

Predictions are that by 2030 30% of all vehicles in Barnsley will be electric vehicles and by 2040 this figure will be at 90%. The scheme is for a 15 year contract of development and maintenance.

4. What demographics are in play in the case of residents who don't have access to off-street parking, eg is affordability of EVs for such cohorts being considered?

The funding is aimed to help the 20% of residents who do not have access to off street parking so therefore can not charge their vehicles at home. The propensity for a resident to be able to have an electric vehicle is considered in modelling of where EV charging will be installed.

5. How many chargers is the money going to fund?

At this time, we do not have an exact figure of how many chargers this will fund. This will come once we have a delivery partner in place and a more detailed implementation plan for where installs will occur.

6. How many public chargers are in use today?

BMBC currently offers 62 public chargers in their car parks, there are many other public chargers available in car parks around the borough and these can be located on Zapmap. zapmap.com.

7. How many chargers are installed at supermarkets, hotels, etc? Do the chargers at these location locations count in the totals?

These chargers we do not include in our figures for our car parks, but as per question 6 these charger locations can be located via zapmap. Zapmap.com.

8. What is the recent/current usage rate of these existing chargers, public and others?

We only hold data for chargers that are installed in our car parks. Their current utilisation rate is at 6.85%.

9. The charging model seems to be a for-profit set up run by a third party but, in addition, BMBC expect to make some income off it. That doesn't sound cheap. Is there any information on the expected charge rates, bearing in mind reports that some commercially available chargers are so expensive that it costs more than a Diesel fill up, reducing the incentive for their use?

The contract is yet to be agreed so the rates set haven't been agreed. Once they are agreed these rates will be available to public via Zapmap. zapmap.com.

10. Is it seriously expected that there will be a measurable reduction in borough emissions as a result of this expenditure? If so, what? How many £/ppm are we going to spend?

The charger installs will enable people to transition over to zero emission vehicles easier. One of the main reasons given in research for not moving to electric vehicles is the lack of charging infrastructure. About 30% of all emissions come from transport, if we can enable people to transition over to electric vehicles this will contribute to lower emissions in the region. With this infrastructure we are hoping to help the 20% who can not charge at home to be able to charge their vehicles and enable the transition when possible.

11. The publicity page states: *If approved [at the next Cabinet?] further consultation with local residents, stakeholders and ward members will take place as site locations are proposed and refined.* I can't see any allocation for this work in the timeline shown in the Cabinet paper, which suggests that

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procurement should start this month. What is the consultation programme, how will it be implemented and publicised and will results be publicly available?

The funding for LEVI is received via SYMCA, procurement is due to proceed once accepted at cabinet, this will then see a delivery partner put in place who will be responsible for consultation along with the council. Once this in place an appropriate consultation will take place. Any public consultation will be available via our website.

12. In a second read of the policy document I noticed this on the first page:

To allow for the acceptance of further funding to come for electric vehicle pavement channels and electric vehicle infrastructure in the future.

I've seen adverse publicity on pavement channels and at least one council, Bedford, is trialling them. but I can't find any details or results. Channels must be a tempting option if allowed, c/f the cost of purpose-built bays, but I trust they will not be implemented willy-nilly.

This allows for the acceptance of further funding. We are awaiting more information on their suitability before proceeding from government and the department for transport.

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Kind regards,

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