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Subject: RE: Electric charging points

Hi Tim,

There is currently a large piece of work taking place in conjunction with WSCC and other district/boroughs within the county. WSCC are leading on this and have recently communicated a draft strategy for consultation which can be found here - https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/energy-waste-and-environment/draft-electric-vehicle-strategy/supporting_documents/EV%20strategy%20consultation%20draft.pdf. The purpose of this group is to develop a strategy for the installation of EV charging points across the county, which we aim to feed into and potentially adopt.

There are a number of questions still to be asked with regards to electric vehicles (EV) and the role of local authorities. These include; different connecting leads (as you've mentioned), different back office providers with differing accounts and ways of paying, different power requirements, power availability from the local grid, location, finances, and many more.

EV's and charging points are very much in a chicken and egg scenario, sales of EV's are unlikely to grow without the infrastructure in place, but no one knows what that infrastructure should be or who should provide it. As you can imagine the installation and maintenance of EV points can be expensive and there is a reluctance to commit to this whilst the technology is still rapidly changing and there is no set destination.

Looking at EV charging points across a wider area and aiming to deliver a consistent solution is the correct approach to support adoption of EV's. We will be working with WSCC and others to consider how we will feed into this. There are no defined locations as yet but as you will see from the WSCC draft strategy there are ambitious targets to meet with regards to EV adoption within the district and my feeling is that there will have to be significant investment (of some sort) across the entire district to enable this.

Thanks

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