



To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Date: 8th November 2023

Subject: EV Charging Point Installation Roll-out: Update

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To brief the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) on the progress to date of the roll-out of EV Charging Points across the city. This report provides an overview of the programme to be presented in more detail to the board by way of a presentation at the meeting. Officers from Coventry City Council will be present at the meeting.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:
 - 1) Consider the information contained in the presentation.
 - 2) Make any comments or recommendations on the programme as it moves forward.
 - 3) Make any additional recommendations to the Cabinet Member.

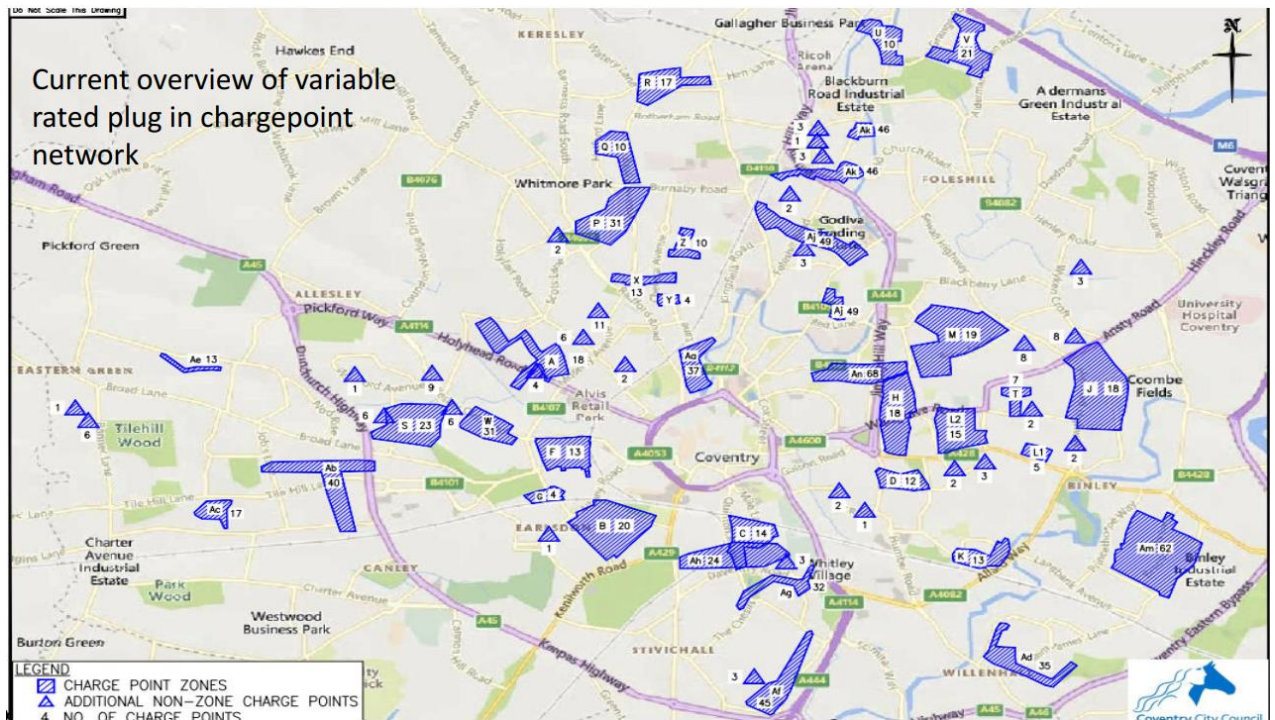
3 Background and Information

- 3.1 There are a number of targets aimed at reducing carbon emissions which have been set at regional, national and international level. Coventry City Council's own Climate Change Strategy is currently under development and will set an ambitious target of reducing emissions by 2030. The Coventry City Council Transport Strategy, adopted in December 2022, was developed in accordance with these strategies, and acknowledges that significant changes to the way we travel must be taken in order to achieve these targets.
- 3.2 Widespread electrification of public and private travel is one strand of the Coventry City Council Transport Strategy. This aims to reduce carbon emissions, and also to improve air quality.

4 Update on installation roll-out

- 4.1 Coventry has seen that highest number of installations of EV charging points in the West Midlands by some number and is second only to London in the number of operational charge-points, with 958 charge-points and 1,326 sockets available as of October 2023. A further 450 charge-points will be made operational by April 2024.

- 4.2 Coventry is also ahead of the WMCA in the adoption of electric vehicles with 1,597 battery-powered electric cars and LCVs, and a further 1,458 plug-in vehicles, accounting for 1.94% all cars and LCVs. This is slightly behind the UK average of 2.59%.
- 4.3 44 fast-chargers are available at Coventry City Council properties. The Plug-in Coventry project with partner EO Charging is creating a network of fast-chargers available for open use by the public.
- 4.4 The below image shows the current locations of charge-points across the city.



5 Consultation process

- 5.1 There is a multi-stage consultation process which happens once a potential location has been identified involving the publication of a 'Street News' newsletter which goes out to residents with information about the proposed installation and details of how to respond to consultation.
- 5.2 Ward councillors are notified of the proposals and given oversight of the Street News-letter prior to being sent out.
- 5.3 Locations are removed following objection with new locations identified and the process begun again.
- 5.4 Application to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) is made for funding. Once the grant letter is received, a second Street News is published with further information.
- 5.5 Once locations are agreed, National Grid are involved in ensuring an adequate power supply. A letter drop to residents then takes place inviting responses to the plan to install a charging-point in their area.

6 Enforcement and Monitoring

- 6.1 Traffic Regulation Order/Traffic Management Order processes are instigated and followed through, with the accompanying timescales for objection, and a report containing the list of objections and recommendations submitted to the cabinet member for consideration. Following this a decision is made.

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