

Funding for on-street chargepoints doubled to help charge up electric vehicle revolution

- funding for chargepoints on residential streets doubled again to ensure postcode plays no part in how easy it is to use an electric car
- real-time information could also be made available, helping cut waiting times by showing which chargepoints are currently being used
- in future open data on public chargepoints would allow for information to be added to sat navs and travel apps

Charging and driving an electric vehicle will be easier, cheaper and more convenient in the future, thanks to double the funding for more chargepoints on residential streets next year and new plans to make sure drivers can easily access real-time information about places to charge their electric car.

The Transport Secretary today (21 January 2020) announced that government funding will be doubled to £10 million for the installation of chargepoints on residential streets next year. This could fund up to another 3,600 chargepoints across the country and make charging at home and overnight easier for those without an off-street parking space.

The government is also looking at how to make information about all public chargepoints including locations and power ratings openly available in a standard format for the first time. The Department for Transport will look at how real-time information could be published, showing whether chargepoints are in working order and currently in use, which could then be used by developers and incorporated into sat navs and route mapping apps

Ensuring that charging an electric vehicle is a convenient and simple process is crucial to meeting the government's ambitions of phasing out petrol and diesel cars.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said:

We want to make electric cars the new normal, and ensuring drivers have convenient places to charge is key to that.

By doubling funding again for chargepoints on streets where people live and opening up data we are helping drivers easily locate and use affordable, reliable chargepoints whether at home or on the road.

Future of Transport Minister George Freeman said:

The new government is accelerating UK leadership in digitalisation and decarbonisation through our future of transport strategy.

Supporting the smart use of open data for new apps to help passengers and drivers plan journeys, and to reduce congestion and pollution, is key.

Comprehensive chargepoint data is crucial for mapping charging hotspots and notspots for consumers, to help to drive forward the electric vehicle revolution.

We urge local councils to make use of the funding available to ensure their residents feel the benefits of cleaner transport.

Government and industry have supported the installation of over 17,000 devices providing over 24,000 publicly available chargepoints, of which over 2,400 are rapid chargepoints. The UK now has one of the largest charging networks in Europe with more locations where you can charge your car than there are petrol stations.

The government has already challenged industry to provide debit and credit card payment at all newly installed rapid chargepoints and develop a roaming solution across the charging network, allowing electric vehicle drivers to use any public chargepoint through a single app or payment method.

The announcement today follows the establishment of the government's [National Chargepoint Registry \(NCR\)](#) in 2011, which is an open source of data for all public chargepoints. All publicly funded chargepoints are already required to be uploaded onto the NCR, but the government now aims to ensure information on all public chargepoints is released.