

QUESTION 1

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 OCTOBER 2021

Question to Cllr David Williams Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

By Cllr Pritchard

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The Governments On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme has allocated £20 million of funding in 2021 to 2022 financial year for local authorities to install on street EV charging points. The scheme covers 75% of the capital costs of procuring and installing the chargepoint infrastructure.

Will the Cabinet Member inform me how many applications the council is looking to submit, and would Staffordshire County Council look favourably at developing a bid for the Leys in Tamworth?

Reply

I am aware of the Governments On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme and this Council is currently developing it's own EV strategy to determine how it can best support the growth of electric vehicles in the future.

The installation of charge points on residential streets, to service homes that do not have off street parking, is a matter that is being carefully considered by many Local Transport Authorities and potential energy providers at the current time.

The availability of charging points in Staffordshire is slowly increasing due to many retailers making provision at end destination points. Before introducing additional street furniture, on certain roads in Staffordshire, we need to think carefully about the future considering the change to different vehicle fuels including electric vehicles and particularly the possible provision of a rapid charging infrastructure.