

Dear Councillors

VIRGIN PARK AND CHARGE 2 (VPACH2)

I am writing to update you on the Virgin Park and Charge 2 project. This is an INNOVATE UK sponsored project which aims to demonstrate how on-street charging can be deployed at scale and pace across the UK. Northamptonshire is an ideal place for this activity because of the low levels of charging point availability, and the barrier this presents to the uptake of ultra-low emission ('plug-in') vehicles (ULEVs).

Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19, the project has made significant progress. We have worked with Liberty Charge (part of Liberty Global who also own Virgin Media) to review the feedback received from public consultations carried out earlier this year. Taking the feedback into account, there have been some sites that we are not planning to progress at this stage. For those sites where Liberty Charge are still planning to progress, they have now carried out detailed site surveys or are in the process of doing so. There are still some internal checks to be undertaken, but we are now in a position to begin the process of consulting on the Traffic Regulation Orders related to the Electric Vehicle Only bays associated with the charge points.

Traffic Regulation Order public consultation

The Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) will be advertised in the local press, via notices displayed in the affected roads and will be published on our [Traffic Regulation Order webpage](#) along with details of how to submit any comments. Notification emails will be sent out to you advising on Traffic Regulation Orders located in your area and outline the deadline for submitting comments.

We are still working with Liberty Charge to identify a delivery programme but we anticipate that the first on-street charging points will be installed by the end of the year, and I will keep you updated on progress.

Public consultation on additional proposed locations

Following further desktop studies, we are now ready to consult on a further 60 potential on-street electric charge point locations which are listed below.

| Area | Road/ postcode |
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| Brackley | High Street, NN13 6FB |
| Brixworth | Northampton Road, NN6 9DX Spratton Road, NN6 9PE |
| Bugbrooke | High Street, NN7 3PA |
| Irthlingborough | Addington Road, NN9 5ST |



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| Northampton and surrounding area | <p> Pound Lane, Moulton NN3 7SD High Street, Hardingstone NN4 6DD 30-10 The Green, Hardingstone NN4 7BU High Street, Wootton NN4 6LW Castle Street – A, NN1 2RS Castle Street – B, NN1 2RS Scarletwell Street - A, NN1 2JW Scarletwell Street – B, NN1 2SF Earl Street, NN1 3AX Craven Street, NN1 3EZ London Road (A508), NN4 8AS St. Leonard's Road – A, NN4 8DN St. Leonard's Road – B, NN4 8DW St. Leonard's Road – C, NN4 8DW Euston Road, NN4 8DT Delapre Street, NN4 8EU Abbey Road, NN4 8EY Rothersthorpe Road, NN4 8JA Towcester Road, NN4 8LW Birchfield Road East, NN3 2HG Fullingdale Road, NN3 2QJ Danefield Road, NN3 2SR Beech Avenue, NN3 2HE Main Road, Duston NN5 6JF Highlands Avenue, NN3 6BH The Drive, NN1 4SA Brookland Road – A, NN1 4SN Brookland Road – B, NN1 4SN Brookland Road – C, NN1 4SL St. George Street, NN1 2TR Mill Road, NN2 6AX Essex Street, NN2 6DR Arthur Street – A, NN2 6DX Arthur Street – C, NN2 6DX Symington Street, NN5 5EZ Newcombe Road, NN5 7AZ Countess Road – A, NN5 7DY Countess Road – B, NN5 7DY Gladstone Road, NN5 7EG Harlestone Road, NN5 7AG Dorset Road, NN2 7PT Greenwood Road, NN5 5ER Lincoln Road, NN5 5JU Holmecross Road, NN3 8AW Freehold Street – A, NN2 6EN Freehold Street – B, NN2 6EN Balfour Road, NN2 6JE Edinburgh Road, NN2 6PH </p> |
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| Raunds | Brook Street, NN9 6LL Brook Street, NN9 6UF Mackenzie Road, NN9 6EF |
| Rushden | High Street, NN10 0QE A5028, NN10 0NB |
| Thrapston | High Street, NN14 4JJ Sackville Street, NN14 4PA |

Liberty Charge will be sending a letter directly to properties in each of the roads affected to inform them of the consultation and to ask for their views via the consultation portal, which is available at:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nccvpach_B3

For those without access to the internet, the letter will detail how to obtain a paper copy of the consultation survey. The feedback from the consultation will be reviewed by ourselves and Liberty Charge to inform which sites they will be taking forward for further investigation. The deadline for any comments is **9th October 2020**.

This work forms an important part of a broader [Smart Move Northamptonshire initiative](#). Updates on the VPACH2 project will be posted there as well as on our [Electric Vehicles webpage](#).

If you have any further questions then please direct them to ULEV@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Kind regards



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