

On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme (ORCS)

The ORCS fund is available to local authorities, including Parish and Town Councils to install charge points in residential areas where there is and/or will be a demand for charge points. This can include public car parks. The fund provides 75% of capital installation costs and the funding is capped at £100,000.

A private company has approached SNC with a view to entering into arrangements with local authorities to provide the 25% match funding and install and operate the charge points. SNC believes that this is a good approach as it will increase the number of EV charge points in the district at no cost to the council and with minimal risk.

SNC will be required to demonstrate that the sites will satisfy the business demands of the private company by being able to demonstrate that there is/will be significant demand for the charge points.

SNC wants to ensure that charge points are spread more evenly across the district and invites Parish and Town Councils to identify sites owned by them that would be suitable for this project. Once these sites have been assessed SNC can put forward a joint bid to have charge points installed at the most suitable locations.

Town and Parish Councils may also want to put forward their own bids.

Things to consider:

- To be eligible for the fund there needs to be 24-hour access to the charge points. Is the location suitable? e.g. is it safe and well lit, will 24-hour access disturb those nearby?
- Is there a lack of off-street parking in this area?
- Will the installation of a charging post cause any issues, such as blocking pavements?
- Will any problems arise from having cars parked in this area for several hours at a time?
- Who is the land owner?
- Is it possible to demonstrate a demand/future demand for charge points in this area?

If you can identify any sites or need more information, please email our climate change officer, Felicity Parker, via climatechange@southnorthants.gov.uk

Visit the websites for ORCS, Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) and the Energy Saving Trust for more information.

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