

Appendix 5 – Wider Stakeholder Response

Exminster Parish Council

At its meeting on Monday 7th October, Exminster Parish Council reviewed your draft policy and agreed that it supports all of the 6 action points made.

Regarding point 2, the Council would bring your attention to a previous planning application, 17/01904/FUL, from Matford Filling Station, that relates to 2 electric charging points for the area.

Exminster is currently in the process of analysing answers to its latest Community Plan questionnaire, which relate to electric charging points. Please let us know if you feel that information gathered on this subject would be useful to you

Bovey Tracey Town Council

At a meeting of Bovey Tracey Town Council's Planning Committee yesterday, members discussed your vision and the practical ways you are preparing for cleaner ways of travelling, working and transporting. Members support the proposed draft pledges for action. In addition, in relation to pledge no. 5, members have asked that I advise you of the proposed development of the Community Centre building which is due to be constructed on the site adjacent to Station Road Car Park in Bovey Tracey. Work has recently started on site and the main construction work will commence in October 2019. Members felt that potentially this provides an opportunity to work in partnership to look to install an EV Charging Point in Station Road Car Park if TDC have the funding, at relatively little cost as we have contractors working on site over the next 8 months. Pledge 5 refers to EV charging points in council car parks for public use in the more remote, yet popular destinations and we feel that Bovey could help Teignbridge to partially deliver this aim.

Ideford Parish Council

Many thanks for giving Ideford Parish Council an opportunity to consider this initiative. To start with, we feel that you are, indeed going in the right direction. Any proposals and initiatives to provide a cleaner and greener lifestyle are to be applauded and supported wherever possible.

This is a very rural parish and the proposals were considered to be "urban centric" to a certain degree whilst recognising that a start has to be made somewhere. We were certainly very supportive of action 5 and hoped it would go some way to making charging points available in more remote areas.

Moretonhampstead Parish Council

Thank you for your email of 23 August. Moretonhampstead Parish Council considered your email at its meeting on 3 September. The Parish Council is in favour of installing electric vehicle charging points in public car parks (point 5 of your email) and requests that charging points be installed in both Teignbridge District Council car parks in Moretonhampstead.

Buckfastleigh Town Council

Buckfastleigh Town Council discussed the installation of electric charging points in council car parks for public use - No. 6 of the actions in the EV Charging Infrastructure and Ultra-low Emission Vehicles Policy, at its meeting held on 4th September 2019 and would comment as follows:

- Installing charging points would require the use of at least 2 parking bays and as some of the town's car parks are regularly full, it was felt that the most appropriate place for installation would be in the Victoria Woodholme car park. This car park is easily accessible from the A38 and would provide a useful location as there are currently no charging points between the Tesco car park at Lee Mill and Dartington.
- Buckfastleigh is adjacent to the A38 midway between Plymouth and Exeter.
- The provision of charging points would encourage visitors and bring income into the town.
- There are other potential locations which could be looked at such as the South Devon Railway and the Football Club.
- The Town Council would like the opportunity to discuss any proposed sites with Teignbridge prior to installation.

With reference to Action Point 1. – will the residential sites with current development proposals in Buckfastleigh be included?

Dawlish Town Council

What about Dawlish and Dawlish Warren where there are large very busy car parks?

Ilington Parish Council

Ilington parish council considered these proposals and while they support the idea they feel that it may take time to see the effects within the rural communities

Ashburton Climate Emergency Group via Ashburton Town Council

We welcome Teignbridge's current consultation on the 'Plug-In' Revolution and its stated commitment to "tackling climate change, reducing congestion and improving air quality". We agree that more and more people want a 'cleaner and greener' lifestyle and that the demand for cleaner travel is increasing. This was reflected in a recent pilot survey we carried out of residents and visitors to Ashburton.

As you will know transport is now the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the UK, accounting for 27% of domestic emissions. While annual emissions have fallen steadily in some other sectors, notably the power sector, emissions from transport are flat-lining or even increasing with the transport sector accounting for 52% of CO2 emissions in Teignbridge.

We agree that supporting the use of Electric Vehicles (EVs) or other Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) is one part of a transport strategy to tackle the climate emergency. The six pledges for action in your consultation are a start but we think

they are not ambitious enough and urge you to go further; to consult on a more comprehensive transport strategy for Teignbridge in line with the climate emergency declaration; and to lobby Devon County Council and the Government in this regard.

The need for more ambitious targets was highlighted by The Committee on Climate Change's recent report which concluded that the majority of new cars and vans should be electric by 2030 if the UK is to meet its target to cut emissions. This is a tougher than the current target of 2040 even with their target of a carbon neutral by 2050 which the science indicates is way too late.

As far as your EV pledges 2, 3 and 5 are concerned we urge you to provide many more charging points than it appears you are proposing. In particular, we ask that you provide several charging points in Ashburton, Kingsbridge Lane car park and to provide facilities for charging electric bicycles. These are needed to serve the residents of the Ashburton area, the many thousands of visitors to the town and Dartmoor and drivers using the A38 corridor on longer distance trips. Can we also request that as increasing need is predicted, and to prevent unnecessary future disruption ambitious infrastructure (e.g. ducting, power distribution facilities etc) should be installed.

As far as EVs are concerned we would suggest that Teignbridge DC should lobby the Government and other stakeholders to

- Regulate so that by 2030 all new car and van sales will be ULEVs, and nearly all zero-emission battery electric vehicles;
- reform the grant scheme for electric cars to a trade-in rebate system;
- offer financial support for electric car clubs, public transport and e-bikes.

As far as the wider strategy for reducing the impact of transport on the climate is concerned, we would ask you to develop specific proposals and lobby to:

- reduce carbon (and pollutant) emissions from road transport
- introduce measures and targets to reduce car traffic and increase public transport, cycling and walking;
- reduce the number of miles driven overall;
- reduce fossil fuel energy per mile.

The knock-on benefits of such measure will include better air quality, fewer accidents, health benefits, quieter neighbourhoods, improved public spaces and a more equitable transport system.

We would welcome further discussion with you and your colleagues on how this could be achieved in Ashburton and look forward to hearing from you.

APPENDIX 5