EVC5 Individual

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Gwefru cerbydau trydan | Electric vehicle charging

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

1. What are your views on the Action Plan?

The action plan feels way too broad. No real mention of understanding how what type of infrastructure needs to exist where based upon things like likely 'dwell time' of the driver at that location.

2. What are your views on progress made against Action 1: Charging infrastructure?

Very poor. Look at Cardiff as an example, there are only 2 locations offering Ultra Fast charging (100kW+) and there isn't a single Ultra Fast charger on the A470 from Cardiff to Colwyn Bay.

I'm also not aware of any community/roadside charging hubs where cars can be charged overnight for those that can't charge at home.

3. What are your views on progress made against Action 2: Optimisation of energy provision?

I've seen no evidence of any progress on this, although I appreciate this probably takes time to implement. Goes without saying that priority should be getting the charging infrastructure in place first and then look at solutions in this area.

4. What are your views on progress made against Action 3: Enhanced rapid charging provision?

Except Newport, Wales is a black hole of ultra fast provision. Nothing on the A470, only 2 sites in Cardiff, 1 site on the A5, 1 site on the A55. On the M4 in South Wales only 1 Services (Swansea) has ultra fast provision.

What are your views on progress made against Action 4: Welsh quality standards?

Not a priority

What are your views on progress made against Action 5: Regulatory facilitation?

Not a priority

What are your views on progress made against Action 6: Partnership and collaboration?

I've seen the Rhug Estate initiative (although not used it) so progress has been made.

What are your views on progress made against Action 7: Increase public awareness?

No progress here, I didn't even know the document was produced last year, and certainly not seen any comms on it.

What are your views on progress made against Action 8: Encourage investment opportunity and innovation?

Seen nothing here.

What are your views on progress made against Action 9: Create synergies? Seen nothing here,

What are your views on the strategy?

It's too broad. Where's the specific action plan? Over 20% of all new car registrations are now EVs and this is only going to increase. This requires a fast track implementation, otherwise by the time you implement you'll be out of date.

Do you have any other points you wish to raise within the scope of this inquiry?

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