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Dear Russell

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the EIS Committee's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Wales on Wednesday 15 May 2019. Please find below further information that you have requested.

The Office for Low Emission Vehicles has provided the following details on the uptake electric vehicle charge point grants in Wales. Two Welsh authorities, Cardiff and Carmarthenshire, have applied to the on street residential charge point scheme. A further local authority is close to submitting an application.

The following installations have been funded under the Workplace charging scheme.

Area	No. of Sockets Installed
Cardiff	19
Llandudno	15
Newport	14
Swansea	20

We have also requested data on the uptake of funding under the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme. We will forward this on to the you, when officials receive this information.

Our national planning policy, Planning Policy Wales (PPW), now includes a new policy to encourage the uptake of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs), with a minimum of 10% of non-residential car parking spaces required to have ULEV charging points. The policy focuses on non-residential development to address people's concerns about not being able to top-up when using an electric car. The policy seeks to help people charge electric cars when at work or other destinations, such as shops or leisure facilities. It does not require residential development to include charging points, as this is something electric car owners can have installed themselves. Transport technology is also changing fast and we recognise that what is built today may not be the best solution in the future. It is likely that charging infrastructure technology will change and improve over time. We are, therefore, focusing on

ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place to minimise the costs of installation in the future.

With regards to the planning aspect of EV charging points in Wales, recent amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive must be transposed by spring 2020. The Directive amendments set out electric vehicle recharging point infrastructure requirements for certain residential and non-residential developments. Our current intentions are to transpose these requirements through our devolved Building Regulation powers.

New permitted development rights for electric vehicle charging points came into force on 1 April 2019. The introduction of permitted development rights will facilitate the installation of a national network of electric vehicle charging points within both public and private car parking areas.

One of the priorities in the North Wales Growth Deal is the regional transport decarbonisation project. This project aligns with another of their priority schemes which focus on smart access to energy. The project will look at three pilot areas within the region and investigate opportunities to operate low carbon public transport systems, including the use of electric vehicles. The Welsh Government has provided grant funding to the North Wales authorities to undertake the feasibility work. Please also see link to the Transport for Wales remit letter.

<https://gov.wales/transport-wales-remit-letter-1-april-2019-31-march-2020>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', written in a cursive style.

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