

Objective 1: To expand the network of EV charge points in North Somerset
Objective 2: To seek private sector investment to fund a scaled-up charging network
Objective 3: To collaborate with the Revive Network and other key organisations
Objective 4: To influence other organisations to fill gaps in the charging network
Objective 5: To future-proof new developments
Objective 6: To monitor the pace of EV uptake, charge point provision and government announcements

Objective 1

On-street charging technology is needed but a recipe for conflict as people jostle for the charging facilities available. There are multiple challenges, not least the fact that on-street parking in many areas is insufficient and this will further reduce space. There may also be resistance to charging points being placed outside residential houses. Within villages such as Bleadon many residential roads are not wide enough to facilitate such services anyway.

Objective 2

Seems sensible but these organisations will be doing it for profit, so regulation will be needed to avoid people being ripped off.

Objective 3

No comment

Objective 4

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Objective 5

This is key and the one of the best opportunities to increase Electric Vehicle charging facilities. The use of solar panels would further enhance this opportunity and enhance the green credentials as people could charge their cars without using power from the grid. It is very notable therefore that new builds in Haywood Village are not being fitted with solar roof panels as standard. An incredible lost opportunity.

Objective 6

The implementation of the widescale EV strategy is not simply a technical challenge, it is a social challenge. In many ways it could be seen as challenging people's liberty of choice. To make it work the infrastructure to support EV's needs to be ahead of the game, and up to now that is patently not the case. Let's hope this situation changes thanks to initiatives like this.