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Electric Vehicle Draft Strategy 2023

Please use this questionnaire to let us know your views on this draft strategy

Several questions here are free-text/commentary. We've had to make the text limits quite tight so we can analyse the results quickly and that limits your space - please try to be concise

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are must-answer questions: we need this information in order to offer you relevant questions and answers to the main questions

There is a question at the end asking specifically if you have any thoughts about the equalities aspects of the draft strategy

The draft strategy as summary and at-a-glance documents are on our website at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/electric23

For any questions about this consultation, contact us at sustainable.travel@n-somerset.gov.uk

This consultation closes at noon on Thursday 6 April 2023

0. * Are you responding to this consultation...?

- As an individual
 Giving the single official response on behalf of an organisation

1. We want to promote electric vehicle (EV) uptake and we think these six objectives are the best possible way of doing that.

- 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

Have we omitted any objectives that you think we should work towards ?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure

1.a What other objective(s) do you think should be included ?

Better understanding of why the green agenda is being pushed forward without proper resident consultation, e.g.knowing the true personal, financial and global environmental costs of implementing these strategies.

1.b Have we included any objectives that won't help encourage use of EVs?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure

1.b1 Which objectives?

Tick any that apply

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1.b3 Why do you think Objective 2 won't help encourage use of EVs?

General public ability to pay for these services

1.b6 Why do you think Objective 5 won't help encourage use of EVs?

Hydrogen technology is on the way and may make this obsolete

2. Is there anything else you'd like to say about any of the objectives? We are especially interested in terms of:

- how practical
- how sensible
- value for money.

- Yes
 No

2.a Which objective(s) would you like to comment on?

Tick any that apply

- Objective 1: to expand the network of EV charge points In North Somerset
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2.c1 What do you think about...? Objective 2: to seek private sector investment to fund a scaled-up charging network

EVs are highly expensive luxury items that many in NSC, areas of which are highly deprived, will not be able to afford. The leasing of vehicles will also then appears to throw residents into a 1940/50's travel environment, where only the rich will have private vehicles.

3. Looking at the six types of chargers we plan to introduce...

1. Post-mounted or free standing bollard
2. Lamppost charging (dual-purpose)
3. Rising bollards
4. Lance & socket or similar
5. Build-outs (for postmounted or free-standing bollards)
6. Gullies (cable channels)

... do you have any suggestions regarding their suitability for North Somerset?

4. Our forecast suggests that it will be more challenging to meet the demand for EV use rural areas

Do you think the approach we propose in the strategy (page 8) for rural areas is good enough to meet that challenge?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure

4.a How can we improve the plans for people living in rural areas?

Better informed consultation especially in relation to the global production and mining issues creating further pollution, just not in North Somerset

4.b Do you have any other thoughts on meeting the challenge of EV charging in rural areas?

NSC state that cross-subsidy required in less commercially attractive sites, particularly in rural areas, yet rural areas may be losing their green past fields in order to site solar and wind farms that may be depended upon to create this 'green' electricity to power the EVs! Also putting the local and security at risk.

5. How important do you think electric vehicles are in achieving our decarbonisation ambitions?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Not very important
- Not important at all

6. **We want to make sure you are not disadvantaged by any of the planned actions, because of the draft strategy:**

- age
- sex
- disability
- ethnicity...

...or other aspect of identity, especially 'protected characteristics' (as defined in the [Equality Act 2010](#)).

Please let us know if there is anything you think we should include in the plans to ensure that you are not disadvantaged because of any characteristic.

Please be clear which aspect of the draft strategy you are talking about

This strategy does not appear to address the serious issues of Mining of the core materials need to create the batteries and EV components - cobalt, nickel, lithium – the destruction of environments around the world, pollution of water, promotion of slavery, stealing childhoods, fracturing communities all this supposedly to enable NSC residents to live a 'green' life. See Colchester City Council Meeting on Environmental & Sustainability. Safety issues - battery instability – spontaneous fires - weight of vehicles causing potential structural damage e.g. car parks. End of life recycling – poisonous chemicals causing recycling dilemmas Collision insurance problems – inability to know the stability of batteries causing cars to be written off rather than repaired - repairability Second-hand car market - Electric Vehicles are taking twice as long to sell in the second hand and trade market as Petrol and Diesel cars. Effect on energy consumption during an energy crisis e.g. Switzerland

Many thanks. Please press Submit to send off your response

The next thing you'll see is the North Somerset Council website, as acknowledgement that your answers have been successfully received

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