

### 1. Purpose and scope

This policy covers Papworth Trust approach to electrical charging points for vehicles in its housing portfolio.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the **Tenant Alteration Policy**.

### 2. Policy statement

In line with Government agendas to move towards electric vehicles in the UK Papworth Trust seeks to ensure that it does not prevent tenants from choosing to purchase electric vehicles due to infrastructure at their home.

The Trust will consider any Government funding that may in the future become available to provide vehicle electric charging points to existing homes by Landlords.

The Trust will consider any guidance and abide by any regulations that are issued by Government relating to vehicle electric charging points for new homes.

#### 2.1. How do I obtain permission for a vehicle electrical charging point to my home?

Tenants need to apply using the **Tenant Alteration Policy**. Papworth Trust will not unreasonably withhold permission.

#### 2.2. Who will pay for my vehicle electric charging point to be installed?

The Trust will not fund vehicle electrical charging points to tenants' homes. These are a choice by the tenant and are to be funded by the tenant.

There may be individual grants available for people. The tenant can seek guidance on this from their electrical supplier or Government websites.

### 2.3. Who else needs to give permission for my vehicle electric charging point?

Your electrical supplier must give permission for the installation as well as Papworth Trust. As the electrical supply is your own and it is you as the tenant who hold the contract it is your responsibility to obtain permission for the connection.

The reason your electrical supplier must give permission is related to the way the connections are to be made to your home – the power requirements and the location of the connections.

### 2.4. Do Papworth Trust have any specific requirements regarding vehicle electric charging points?

Yes. The following restrictions apply:

- a. the location of the installation must not adversely affect the health and safety of others in the vicinity. An example of this could be by trailing wires over pavements or situating the unit in a way that impedes access.
- b. the land the unit is sited must belong to the Trust – needs to be off-street parking
- c. the parking area must not be unallocated
- d. the Trust will not allow any communal electric supply to be used for individual charging points
- e. the siting of any unit does not cause damage to the Trusts property
- f. the installation is carried out by a qualified electrician, ideally a specialist in this area

### 2.5. What information do Papworth Trust require following the fitting of my vehicle electric charging point?

We require the tenant to abide by the criteria of any permission granted under the Tenant Alteration Policy.

We also require a copy of the installation certificate.

### 2.6. What if I move home?

We will inspect the unit if you choose to move home. It will be checked for damage and current adherence to regulations. If it passes the inspection we will permit it to remain. If it fails the inspection we will ask you to have it repaired to our satisfaction or removed.

## 2.7. Where can I obtain further information?

Contact your electrical supplier for the most up to date information relating to your home.

General guidance can also be found on OVOs website (an electric supplier) [EV Home Charger Installation: Process and Costs explained | OVO Energy](#)

## 3. Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the Policy owner every 3 years or sooner if required.

## 4. Document control

Owner	Senior Business Manager - Property
Consulted	Tenant Scrutiny Panel
Approver	Business Manager - Housing
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## 5. Version tracker

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