

**From:** Oxfordshire County Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2024 9:21 AM  
**To:** Town Clerk; Mark Lewis; Ruth Smith; Joy Aitman; Adam Cook  
**Subject:** Public EV charger proposals for Witney - your views welcomed

Dear Witney Cllrs – I hope this email finds you all well

As you may be aware, [Oxfordshire has received £3.6million of Local EV Infrastructure \(LEVI\) grant funding](#) from central government to scale up the delivery of public electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities across the county and accelerate the adoption of EVs and meet charging demand. As an indication of the change that is coming, we are expecting the number of EVs registered in Oxfordshire to soar from the 14,000+ registered here currently to more than 147,000 in 2030, and up to 344,000 by 2040.

Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council teams have been working together to identify potential sites in Witney where we think public EV charging would be most appropriate to meet local needs and the aims of the LEVI grant, which is primarily aimed at providing 7kW 'standard' charging within a short walk of residents that lack private parking/can't install their own home chargers. As set out in the Oxfordshire EV Infrastructure Strategy (OEVIS) our priority is to use off-street car parks rather than on-street chargers on the Highway where possible, to reduce street clutter and keep our streets free for active and public transport. This approach also opens up opportunities for some rapid chargers (where there is an appropriate use case, sufficient electrical supply and appetite from the chargepoint operator to invest their own funds) and things like EV car clubs and larger bays for charging electric vans etc.

The locations below have been put forward based on key criteria such as number of local residents within a 5 mins walk that lack private parking, the proximity of existing public EV charging, practicalities of delivery and site operational hours etc. In Witney, in addition to the chargers already installed by WODC at Woodford Way and the Woolgate Shopping Centre, the sites under consideration are as follows, with numbers of proposed chargers at each variable/tbc:

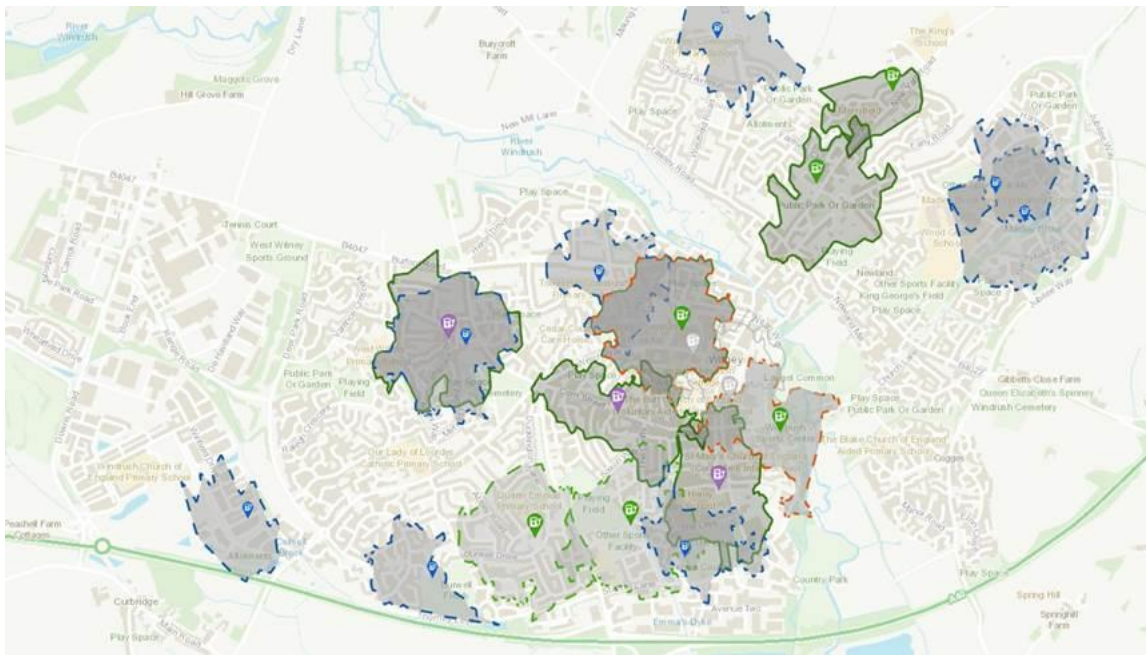
**OCC and WODC owned/controlled car parks (shown on map below):**

- Marriotts Walk WODC car park (both residents parking and shopping levels)
- Elmfield WODC offices
- Woodgreen WODC offices
- Burwell Drive WODC car park
- Gordon Way WODC car park
- Windrush Leisure Centre
- Church Green OCC Highway parking
- Cornstreet OCC Highway parking area
- Fettiplace Road shops OCC Highway parking

**Third party (incl WTC) owned/controlled car parks (shown on map below).** These are promising sites where we would potentially welcome an application to our Community Microhub grant scheme and install EVCP on a

concession basis. Note some of these have already submitted as Expressions of Interest in the scheme (but not all):

- Madley Park Hall (discussing with Mark Lewis and Adam Cooke as a potential pilot/go early site)
- Burwell Hall car park
- Ceewood Hall Community Centre and shops
- Leys Recreation Ground
- Witney Community Primary School
- Tower Hill Community Primary School
- Windrush CofE Primary School
- Madley Brook Community Primary School



**And potentially some on-street chargers in the following areas (shown on map below - our naming convention only):**

- Witney Central Highway
- Witney Cogges East
- Witney Cogges West
- Witney East (Oxford Hill)
- Witney East (Quarry Hill)
- Witney Thorney Leys



As key local stakeholders we would welcome your views on these proposals, any additional or alternative proposals you may have, as well as to get an understanding of any plans you might have for installing your own EV charging in the area. **Please drop me a line with any thoughts, comments or questions on these proposals. Or alternative/aswell, please let me know if you would like short Teams meeting where we can fully discuss the rationale and intentions behind these proposals and get your questions and views as a group – I'd be happy to arrange something within the next few weeks if you let me know when is convenient for you.**

Many thanks

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