

December 2020 Report

Winchester City Council has installed the first of 33 electric vehicle charging points in the district.

The news comes as the council continues to move ahead with its ambitious target of being a carbon neutral district by 2030.

The first charging point, installed at Denmead, is a result of the plans laid out by the city council's 'Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy' which has identified several car parks across the district to have charging points installed, including; Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Harestock and Wickham.

The council aims to complete the installation of the remaining points by Christmas, despite the impact of the tighter restrictions in response to COVID-19. Further work is being undertaken to roll out more charge points in future parking facilities and to serve residential areas which don't have access to private off-road parking. An additional 'rapid charge' point will be installed close to Winchester Railway Station, due for completion in early 2021.

The roll-out will be complemented by a pilot of on street charge point scheme that will be managed by Hampshire County Council.

Winchester City Council transfers to cashless parking with RingGo

Winchester City Council has moved to a cheaper, COVID-19 Secure, telephone parking operator throughout the district, which will begin from 23 November 2020.

Motorists will now be able to pay for their parking through the [RingGo](#) parking app, enabling them to do so without the need to touch a keypad at charging points. There is no additional charge to use the RingGo service therefore paying by cash or phone costs the same.

Motorists who haven't yet registered with RingGo, simply need to provide a few details to use the new service. This can be done either by downloading the free RingGo app from the [App Store](#) . Alternatively, they can visit [RingGo.co.uk](#) online and register via the website or calling 01962 650600 at the time they wish to park.

Winchester's priority is to provide residents and visitors with the option for a quick, safe and completely contactless payment via the RingGo app or a quick phone call – and it won't cost anything extra."

First virtual public consultation sees strong local engagement around Central Winchester plans

Winchester City Council held its first ever online public consultation session this week, with local residents and businesses attending the 90 minute session on the draft development proposals for the Central Winchester Regeneration area.

Questions to the team covered a wide range of topics, including how the scheme might be delivered, how long it might take and the possible impact on the road network. An interactive element to the session showed over half of those participants who answered the questions were most excited about creative and cultural spaces included in the draft proposals and over 70% said they felt excited, interested or optimistic about the plans.

This was the first of four public sessions that will be taking place as part of the consultation on the Central Winchester Regeneration proposals. Proposals to develop the site, which incorporates Winchester Bus Station, Kings Walk, the old Friarsgate Medical Centre and Coitbury House, include creating a vibrant mixed-use development with high quality new homes, flexible workspaces, a thriving night-time economy and beautiful public spaces.

“Being part of the first ever online public consultation session hosted by the council was a landmark occasion to keep listening and involve as many residents and businesses as possible as we move forward with exciting plans for development. We have received feedback from people of all ages and backgrounds, helping ensure we get a fair representation of local views.

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