



Company Vehicle Policy

Council maintains and insures 3 vehicles. A tractor insured for legal road use, a diesel Truck which is used for towing, and an electric Van, recently taken out on a three-year lease.

All vehicles are kept at the Cemetery and should remain on site overnight unless authorisation has been given for official business use.

The electric van is to be used as a first resort vehicle, if the choice of this vehicle plus the diesel truck is available to staff, then unless towing capacity is required the electric van should be used.

There are a range of benefits for running an electric vehicle, including air quality and economic benefits. As the up-take of electric vehicles increases, we need to ensure that more facilities are available for electric car owners to charge their vehicles. Felixstowe Town Council, in partnership with Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council, is working towards supporting and facilitating the uptake of electric vehicle charging opportunities across the local area.

Types of Charging

The electric van will charge on a 3-pin socket at the Cemetery and the charger purchased can adjust the amount of current going in (in case of tripping fuses).

The van also comes with a Type 2 connector which can be used at a variety of chargers. These would require a credit card or app downloaded onto a work phone to purchase the electricity. In an emergency this cost could be claimed back through petty cash.

There are three methods that can be used charge the vehicle:

- Slow charging
 - defined as a charge rate of less than 7kW
 - takes 6 to 12 hours to fully charge this way
- Fast charging
 - defined as a charge rate of between 7kW and 22kW
 - takes 2 to 6 hours to fully charge in this manner
- Rapid charging
 - defined as a charge rate of more than 22kW
 - usually takes 20 to 30 minutes to provide a charge of up to 80%

There are already a number of electric vehicle charging points available to the public in Felixstowe. These are provided by several different charge point networks. An overview of most of the UK charging networks can be found on [Zap-Map](#).