

Croydon's Electric Vehicle Charging Point Strategy 2026 Consultation

Scope of Consultation

This consultation is your chance to help shape how Croydon expands its electric vehicle charging network over the coming years. To make the process clearer and easier to understand, this page explains what we are asking for your views on, and what parts of the Strategy are fixed by law or national policy.

1. What We Are Consulting On

We are seeking feedback on the strategic direction, priorities and approach set out in Croydon's draft Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCP) Strategy 2026–2030.

This includes your views on:

A. Our overall approach

- Whether the Strategy's vision feels right for Croydon.
- Whether we have identified the right outcomes (leading by example, improving public charging, and managing the kerbside well)

B. Where and how we should expand EV charging

- The focus on near-home residential charging for people without driveways (49% of households).
- The balance between on-street, car park, and rapid charging locations.
- Identifying local areas where charging would be most helpful.

C. Fairness and accessibility

- How best to make charging accessible to disabled users and people with mobility needs.
- Ensuring all parts of the borough benefit from new charging infrastructure.

D. How we work with communities and partners

- How we engage residents, businesses, community groups and chargepoint operators.
- Ideas for improving local communication, engagement and awareness.

E. Supporting innovation and future options

- Your views on future options such as cable channels, pop-up chargers or other emerging technologies.

2. What Is *Not* Being Consulted On

Some parts of the Strategy reflect legal duties, national regulations or existing council policies. These elements are *not* open to change through this consultation — but we welcome comments on how we can make them clearer.

A. Statutory processes

We must follow legal requirements around:

- Traffic Management Orders (TMOs)
- Planning and highways duties
- Equalities and data protection impact assessments (EQIA/DPIA). These legal steps cannot be changed or removed.

B. National policy requirements

We must comply with national EV regulations and standards, including:

- Government targets on EV transition
- Public Charge Point Regulations 2023
- PAS 1899 (accessibility standard)

C. Existing local policy frameworks

Some wider policies that the EVCP Strategy must align with are already adopted and are not part of this consultation, such as:

- The Mayor's Business Plan
- Croydon's Climate Action Plan 2030
- Local Plan (under review but governed by national planning legislation)
- Air Quality Action Plan 2024

3. What We Are Seeking From You

We want your views on:

- whether the Strategy's approach feels right for Croydon
- how we prioritise locations for new chargepoints
- how we make charging fair, affordable, accessible and easy to use for residents and businesses
- how the Council should work with residents, businesses and delivery partners
- anything we could communicate or explain more clearly

Your feedback will help refine the final Strategy before it is considered by Cabinet.

4. How Your Feedback Will Be Used

After the consultation closes, we will:

- Review and summarise all responses.
- Make changes to the Strategy where appropriate and within our legal framework.
- Publish a summary of feedback and the changes we have made.
- Present the final Strategy for approval, supported by the updated Action Plan.

5. Questions?

If you have questions about this consultation or need materials in an accessible format, please contact: evcharging@croydon.gov.uk