

Cabinet Meeting: **Monday, 12 January 2026**

Question from: **Ed Greenwood**

Question to: **Councillor Patient, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Action and Housing**

QUESTION

I recently became aware of a 2022 planning application which had conditions attached for the application to start within three years subject to the provision of electric vehicle charging stations.

"The Assistant Director (Strategic Infrastructure) – Highways was consulted on the application and made the following comments:- "There are no highway objections to this application as submitted subject to condition, requiring a revised parking layout to incorporate electric charging points."

Attempting to understand what was C.M.B.C. position on the provision of such facilities I discovered in their New.Calderdale.gov.uk website (September 2025) that Our Electric Vehicle Policy /Strategy as *"This will be published here, but we are still working on it."*. Given the general take up of EV's including C.M.B.C's own vehicle estate, does the responsible Cabinet Officer concur with me that this lack of Local Authority direction belies its statements on Climate Change, Netzero, Air Quality and consequent Public Health?

Also, "A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) will be issued to: vehicles not classified as an electric taxi that are parked in taxi only bays. The semantics escapes me here, does this mean that an ICE taxi will be served a PCN if parked in a taxi bay by virtue of it not being electric?

Response

Dear Mr Greenwood

Thank you for your question to Cabinet regarding Electric Vehicle Policy. Calderdale Officers are working on and delivering EV infrastructure under national and regional strategy and policy in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA). The programme is aligned with our local policy agenda. I apologise that this has not been made clearer on our website and I will ask officers to rectify this.

When the funding for the rapid chargers was first granted one of the conditions of this funding was that one bay must be reserved for the sole use of an electric taxi to encourage the electric vehicle take up of the taxi and private hire trade. A PCN would therefore be issued to any vehicle parked in the bay reserved for EV taxis, if it is not actively charging. The bays are not a taxi parking bay.

However, in 2025 we requested that this condition was removed to allow all EV vehicles to use the bay ensuring optimal utilisation of the charger and greater flexibility for users. Consent was given in summer 2025 and we removed the taxi only restriction shortly after that.

The reference on the website is out of date and will be removed.