

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL**

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029**

**TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Chapter 13 – Land Use Zoning Objectives**

Motion from Councillor Joe Newman: 81731

Add to Permitted in Principal category of CI zoning, subject to Caveat 19

Motion to add EV charging points in the Permitted in Principle category subject to Caveat 19.

**REPORT:**

The content of the motion is noted. The CI-Community Infrastructure zoning objective is to primarily cater for the provision of community and social infrastructure which caters for a range of permitted uses within the spirit of the zoning objective and vision. Caveat 19 in the context of the CI-Community Infrastructure objective states as follows; 19 For Public Operators only.

Notwithstanding the primary function of the zoning objective and vision, it is acknowledged that supporting utility installations is a use class that is Permitted in Principle in the CI zoning objective. In this regard, EV chargers by their nature are regarded as utility installations to provide a public utility service and is therefore catered for within the permitted use class provisions of the CI-Community Infrastructure objective.

It is also noted that four Dublin Local Authorities are working together to develop an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy (EVCS) for Dublin which would deliver consistent charging infrastructure in support of the Climate Action Plan targets in relation to transition to EV's. The Dublin Metropolitan Area (DMA) are currently identifying priority areas that require the installation of residential charging solutions supported by the four Local Authorities. Location factors will be considered, while ensuring distribution and provision is fair and equitable. Members of the public who drive an EV have been invited to express their interest for a charge point in their local neighbourhood, e.g. car park, sports club, schools etc. This may not guarantee a charge point will be installed in that location but will

help the Dublin Local Authorities to identify areas where there is local need. Several trials of different charger types are already taking place across the DMA with plans to actively support the deployment of public charge points in the short term.

Policy CAP26 (Electric Vehicles) in the Draft Plan seeks to, 'Ensure that sufficient charging points and rapid charging infrastructure are provided on existing streets where such infrastructure does not impede persons with mobility issues and in new developments subject to appropriate design, siting and built heritage considerations and having regard to the Planning and Development Regulations (2001) as amended, which have been updated to include EV vehicle charging point installation, so that EV Street Charging Points be provided to every community of the County.'

The Council will aim to facilitate the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points's in strategic locations in line with anticipated demand based on guidance at national and regional level.

The inclusion of a caveat requiring that EV charging points are provided by public operators only is considered premature pending the outcomes of the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy, however, critically, it is noted that the specific operation of the EV charging network is outside the remit of the Development Plan. As such it is considered that the intent of the motion is captured within the CI-Community Infrastructure objective and specifically within policy CAP26 relating to the provision of EV charging infrastructure as set out in the Draft Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No change to the Draft Plan.