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Dear Mr Charles

Freedom of Information Act 2000

1. ***Please advise how many chargers Kent county council have sanctioned or authorised.***

KCC does not 'sanction' chargers but was involved in the installation of 45 chargers as detailed below:

30 off-street chargers in car parks, working in partnership with the Districts.
14 chargers awarded to businesses to install them on their premises
1 On-street charger (privately funded and operated to test the technology)

2. ***The towns that have chargers in Kent sanctioned by the council and the number in each town.***

KCC does not 'sanction' chargers. The 30 off street chargers in car parks are located as below.

Authority	Car Park	Publicly Accessible	No. of chargers
Maidstone	The Mall undercroft Car Park - King Street, Maidstone (Council Offices)	Weekends only	1
Maidstone	Maidstone Leisure Centre (off of West Park Rd)	24 hours a day	1
Ashford	Ashford Civic Centre (Council Offices)	Weekends only	1
Ashford	Vicarage Lane Car Park, Ashford	24 hours a day	1
Ashford	Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford	24 hours a day	1
Ashford	Tenterden Leisure Centre	24 hours a day	1
Ashford	Station Road Car Park, Tenterden	24 hours a day	1
Tunbridge Wells	Crescent Road Multi-storey Car Park	24 hours a day	1

Tunbridge Wells	Great Hall Multi-storey Car Park	24 hours a day	1
Swale	Swallows Leisure Centre Car Park	24 hours a day	1
Swale	Swale House Car park, Sittingbourne (Council Offices)	Weekends only	1
KCC	Apollo House, Ramsgate	Weekends only	1
KCC	Poltons Family Centre, Dover	Weekends only	1
KCC	Invicta House Car Park, Maidstone	Weekends only	2
KCC	Sessions House, Maidstone (Zip Car bays outside County Hall)	1 charger reserved for Car Club, 1 charger publicly accessible 24/7	2
KCC	30 Kings Hill Ave, West Malling	KCC staff only	2
KCC	Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8XU	KCC staff only	1
KCC	Aylesford Highway Depot, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BU	KCC staff only	1
KCC	Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD	KCC staff only	1
KCC	Montague House, 9 Hanover Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1EZ	KCC staff only	1
KCC	CYCLOPARK - Gravesend	24 hours a day	1
Thanet	Mill Lane Multi-storey, Margate	24 hours a day	1
Thanet	Leopold Street Multi-storey car park, Ramsgate	24 hours a day	1
Canterbury	Military Road (Council Offices)	Weekends only	1
Folkestone & Hythe	Military Road Car Park, Hythe, CT21 5BJ	24 hours a day	1
Folkestone & Hythe	Shellons Street Car Park – St Eanswythes Way, Folkestone, CT20 1BP	24 hours a day	1
Folkestone & Hythe	West Street Car Park - West Street, New Romney, TN28 8DQ.	24 hours a day	1

3. Was the purpose of them for private vehicle owners or to be blocked by local authorities for their own vehicles.

All chargers have been installed to increase the visibility of charge points in the county in partnership with the District councils. Some chargers are for the use of staff during the week and available to the public in the evenings and weekends.

4. When did KCC stop sanctioning additional charging units to be fitted.

KCC does not 'sanction' chargers

5. ***Is it acceptable for a local authority not to sanction the repair of chargers within their jurisdiction- Ramsgate have been out of service approx. 3 months.***

This is a matter for Thanet District Council, you can contact them at

info@thanet.gov.uk

6. ***How many electric vehicles are registered for use by Kent county council.***

Highways, Transportation and Waste acquired a pool car fleet of eight hybrid vehicles and has the intention to purchase more hybrid/EVs in the near future. We also have a carpooling scheme set up which is open to KCC staff during working hours, as well as to the public on evenings and weekends. This scheme provides two hybrid vehicles in Maidstone to help enable business travel to be done with a hybrid, and also to continue to encourage and allow those travelling by public transport or by carsharing to still have access to a car for business if necessary.

7. ***How many applications for charging points has KCC refused.***

Any person with off-street parking on their property may install a charging point without approval from KCC. However, there is no set process yet for managing applications to have an on-street charger installed. We have therefore had no applications and hence no refusals. KCC is working on an EV Strategy to ensure there is a consistent, safe and viable process towards installing chargers on Highway land in the future.

If you are unhappy with this response, and believe KCC has not complied with legislation, please ask for a review by following our complaints process; details can be found at this link <http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/complaints-and-feedback> on our website. Please quote reference 1538733.

If you still remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of what you need to do, should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website <http://www.ico.org.uk/concerns>.

Yours sincerely

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