



Parish Buying

EV Charging Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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What requirements must my church site meet to qualify?



How do I get my church involved?



Note: Every church will be assessed but not all will be suitable.

How many charging points can be installed on my site?

The minimum number of EV charging points installed is 2. There is no maximum.

What conditions need to be met for the installation of an EV charging point?

The specified conditions include:

- The height of the upstand and outlet must not exceed 1.6 metres, or the outlet must be mounted at a height not exceeding 1.6 metres from the level of the surface used for parking vehicles.
- Any new disturbance below ground level must be minimised.
- The upstand must be situated in an area lawfully used for off-street parking.
- The upstand or wall must not be within 2 metres of a highway.
- Only one upstand is allowed per parking space.
- The work must be carried out by a registered body or person with the relevant government department or accrediting body.

More information can be found here: [The Faculty Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) Rules 2022 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

What permissions are typically required for installing an EV charging point in an unlisted church?

Generally, the permissions required depend on the specific location within the church property:

- If the church is not listed, it falls under list A matters, subject to specified conditions. This means that no permission is needed from the church. If the church is in a conservation area the local authority should be consulted on any permissions it will need to give.
- If the charging point is on an external wall of an unlisted church, it is considered a list B matter, subject to specified conditions. This means that you will need to consult your Archdeacon to confirm that the matter can be done without a faculty.
- The same applies if the charging point is on an external wall of a church hall that is not listed.
- If the charging point is in the churchyard or elsewhere within the church's curtilage and the church is a listed building, it is also a list B matter, subject to specified conditions.

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What permissions are typically required for installing an EV charging point on the exterior of a church?

Generally, the permissions required depend on the specific location on a church property:

- If the church is not listed, it falls under list A matters, subject to specified conditions.
- If the charging point is on an external wall of an unlisted church, it is considered a list B matter, subject to specified conditions.
- The same applies if the charging point is on an external wall of a church hall that is not listed.
- If the charging point is in the churchyard or elsewhere within the church's curtilage and the church is a listed building, it is also a list B matter, subject to specified conditions.

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My building is listed. Can I get EV charging points installed on my site?

Yes.

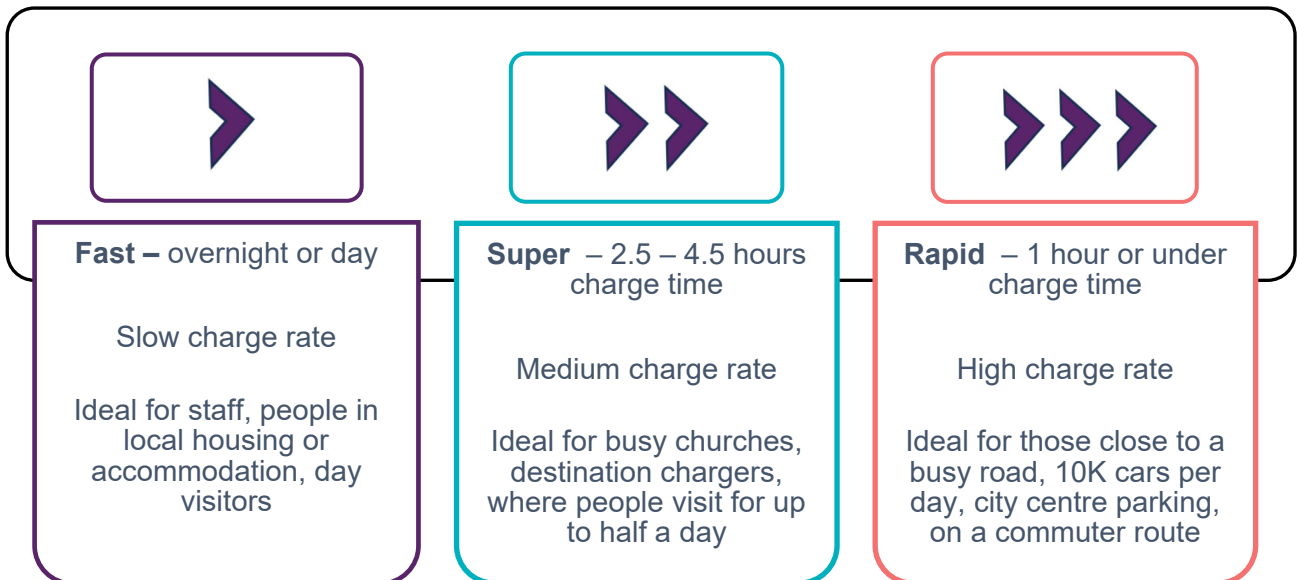
Assuming your parking site meets the conditions, you will need to submit your proposal to your Archdeacon for approval. Submitting a proposal for alterations involves providing detailed plans and explanations of how environmental guidelines are met. The Archdeacon will review these proposals and provide approval based on their assessment. This is covered in List B of The Faculty Jurisdiction

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General Information and Costs

What are the different types of charger available and the charge times?

The charging times depend on the type of EV charger installed. There are 3 types of charger. The supplier will recommend the most suitable type for your church.



Are these chargers for the public?

These chargers are for anyone and everyone to use. Depending on the charge point operator you decide to work with, the church's 'staff' may be able to have a discounted or free account to charge their car.

Is the electricity used for these chargers carbon neutral?

As part of our tender process, each Charge Point Operator was asked to prove how the energy used for these chargers would be 'green' (i.e. sourced from wind or solar etc). As the chargers will be powered by their own electricity connection and not the connection the currently church has, we have ensured that all providers use Green electricity to power the EV chargers.

Does my car park need to be open 24/7?

Ideally, yes, but as part of your conversations with your Charge Point Operator, it may be that you can come to an agreement as to when the car park can be closed if this is something that is necessary for you.

If you do restrict access to your car park then this will reduce how much you can earn and may even stop the operator from wanting to install on your land. All installs will also come with lighting and CCTV to ensure that charging can be undertaken in a safe and secure environment.

What will this cost the church?

This project has been designed to not cost the church anything other than the reduction in the number of car parking spaces in your car park. You will, however, receive significant funds in return for your car park spaces that are used for EV charging, but no additional costs should be incurred.

There may be a situation where, owing to the new installation, you would like to do some additional work to your site. For example, if the charge point operator is laying a new surface on part of your car park, you may wish for the whole site to be re-laid. This is something that you can discuss directly with the charge point operator.



How many spaces in my car park will I need to give

The choice is always yours, but most Charger Point Operators will work with two or more spaces. Most CPOs have charging units that supply two car parking spaces at a time, so often, it is best to think in even numbers (2,4,6,8, etc). The more spaces you're able to offer the more income you're likely to receive, so you will have to balance the requirements of your day-to-day ministry with the opportunity of new income.

Remember, it may be that regular members of your congregations or other community services you provide will charge whilst they are in your building (knowing the cost of charging is in some part funding the church), so even if you give a significant number of spaces to chargers, it doesn't necessarily limit the number of spaces for people to park in.

Will this affect my electricity bill?



No. The chargers on your site will have their own supply and this will be paid entirely by the charge point operator.

How much can I expect to receive for my car parking



Many variables impact how much a Charge Point Operator (CPO) is willing to offer, and each CPO has its own requirements as to what it thinks will make a site more or less successful. As such, one operator may assess a site and say they can only offer a few hundred pounds a year, whilst another operator may offer tens of thousands. This is why we have partnered with numerous different suppliers to ensure the best possible deal for each church across the country.

What is the financial deal?

Each Charge Point Operator differs in terms of what their financial offer is, this is owing to the different business models that each run. However, they broadly fit into one of three broad types: Land Rent - this is where they pay a fixed annual fee no matter what the charging usage levels are. Profit Share - this is where they offer nothing upfront (or a very minimal amount) and then give a proportion of the usage profit to you. Combined - this is where they offer a ground rent that is then topped up by a proportion of usage profit.

How long is my contract?

Each supplier has a different set of contractual requirements and their contract lengths will be stated within their offer.

How will people pay for charging?

All our charge point operators have committed to installing chargers that can receive payments from contactless or apps to offer users the greatest flexibility.



What is the cost of charging?

Each charge point operator sets their own charging costs.

Maintenance and Safety

Do I need to do any maintenance checks?

It is recommended charging units are visually inspected daily, especially when these are openly available for public use.

The daily walk-around can be included as part of your general housekeeping to look for trip hazards caused by trailing charging cables, damage, etc.

Any problems should be reported to the supplier.

Are there any Health and Safety concerns?

As part of the pre-install assessment, the suppliers will give you a comprehensive risk assessment.

Will EV charging signage be placed on my church site?

Clear Instructions signage will be provided on usage and safety.

These are included as part of the pre-install assessment and are the responsibility of the suppliers, along with a comprehensive risk assessment.

Signage to direct users to the charging point or advertise its presence will need to be separately considered for permission and may be subject to the Advertising Regulations.



If a charger becomes damaged who is responsible for fixing it?

The Charge Point Operator is always responsible for their chargers. If it is damaged or broken, they will fix it as soon as possible as per the contractual agreements.