

Previous plan for EV charging in Riverside (May 2021)

RCV approached Pinnacle Property Management to get the ball rolling on electric vehicle charging points for Bath Riverside, as it seemed that previous plans had stagnated. It was decided that a committee member would work alongside Josef Fischbacher to help speed up the process.

I was happy to take on this role. Initially, background research was carried out to determine suitable suppliers and to see if any local schemes and grants were available to help fund the project. There are many new exciting projects and more rapid chargers coming to Bath, but unfortunately none yet planned for Riverside.

Joseph and I met to discuss ideas and to see if there were any feasible options available for electric vehicle charging and to gain an update on Pinnacle's progress to date. As matters stood, Eon had quoted between three and five million pounds to fit every underground car parking space with its own charging point and there were no current plans for over ground charging.

However, a short-term plan was agreed upon, whereby easily accessible chargers would be available on site. The most ideal location for this was deemed to be the short stay visitor parking in front of Royal View and Sovereign Point. Medium and long-term plans were also discussed, with the aim of providing an area underground for electric chargers, then in the long term to have enough chargers to meet demand as electric vehicle adoption increases.

In February I met with charger manufacturer Pod Point, who carried out a full survey for six chargers outside both Royal View and Sovereign Point. This plan, however, was very expensive so shortly afterwards Josef and I met with another company, EVC, on site for comparison quotes, who had completed similar projects in London. Their plan would involve no initial outlay – usage of the chargers would fund the installation.

We have just received the full proposal back from EVC which addresses our short, medium and long-term plans. The proposal comes with the exciting news that they are willing to offer us a fully funded scheme beginning with works outside Sovereign Point. They would begin by installing two 22KW 3 Phase chargers, with a view to eight more. These chargers are capable of charging at a rate of 85 miles per hour of charge time at a cost of 7.5p per mile - around half the cost of filling up with diesel.

I hope you are as excited as Josef and I are to find out we are able to bring electric chargers to Bath Riverside at no cost to residents. If you have any comments to make on this subject, please [let the RCV committee know](#). Meanwhile we are also planning another survey to be sent out via Pinnacle to residents to further understand the demand for electric vehicle charging onsite; this will expand on the previous one sent out around two years ago."

Joe Thompson

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