

## Northern Ireland Electric Vehicle Owners

- The charging network in Northern Ireland has been contracting dramatically in recent years, instead of growing, discouraging the uptake of EVs.
- There is a single operator here that have said they will only halt the decline once they receive matched funding. Public money is urgently required.
- Charging network operators should be obliged to adhere to a Service Level Agreement that guarantees a high minimum uptime.
- To make things as simple as possible, contactless payment should be available on all chargers and they should be allowed to avail of the lower 5% rate of VAT of RFID cards, not 20%.
- Chargers can identify cars when plugged in (like the Tesla network) which could remove the need for any cards at all and allow fees to be charged straight to the cars account.
- On-street charging facilities should be provided outside homes with no off-street parking as well as on public streets around towns and cities.
- It should be an enforceable offence in both public and private car parks to block an EV charger.
- All new retail, commercial and residential developments should be required to have adequate EV chargers.
- Ensure a market that encourages competition and doesn't allow a single operator to 'land grab' and take over a region.
- Remove all barriers to entry such as planning permission requirements for operators that wish to replace and upgrade old equipment.
- Ensure filling stations in Northern Ireland must install chargers, as in England.
- Encourage the installation of the fastest rapid chargers available to future proof network.
- Where power is limited, favour multiple lower power chargers over fewer 22kW's at long stay locations like airport car parks, park and rides, train stations etc.