

London's first rapid electric vehicle charging hub powered by Engenie

- *TfL and Engenie today announce London's first rapid charging hub in Stratford.*
- *Parking will be subsidised by Engenie for drivers using the hub's six rapid chargers*
- *Chargers are accessible to all EV drivers with the tap of a contactless bank card*

Transport for London (TfL) and Engenie, one of the UK's fastest growing electric vehicle (EV) charging networks, today announce London's first rapid EV charging hub at Stratford International Station car park.

The landmark EV hub is the first of five which will be opened in London over the next few years to serve the capital's 30,000 EV drivers.

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, said: "London's air quality is a serious public health crisis and we face a climate emergency which threatens our future. We need to help people move away from petrol and diesel cars, so we can clean up our air and tackle climate change. The overwhelming success of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone shows both Londoners and businesses alike are ready to play their part.

"I want to help people switch to public transport, walking and cycling and want all new cars and vans in London to be zero emission by 2030, not 2040 as the Government is proposing. Today's announcement will help us to continue to work together with London boroughs and the private sector to deliver a major expansion in charging infrastructure and an electric vehicle revolution in the capital."

This charging hub will be central to the Mayor of London's EV infrastructure delivery plan, in which he pledged to open at least five rapid charging hubs over the coming years and install 300 rapid chargers by the end of 2020.

The hub will host six 50kW rapid chargers with connectors compatible with every EV on the market. The charge points are fully open access to all EV drivers, allowing them to pay for charging with a simple tap of a contactless card or smart phone, with no registration or membership required. TfL has contributed funding towards the project, which is hosted by landlord HS1 and delivered and operated by Engenie. Engenie will be subsidising the site, to ensure that there will be no parking fees for those using the chargers, for the foreseeable future.

"London is trailblazing the EV revolution and actively working to deliver cleaner air for its 9 million residents," **said Ian Johnston, CEO of Engenie.** "This rapid charging hub is a significant step change in the crucial infrastructure needed to serve the accelerating number of electric vehicles across the city."

¹ Depending on the battery

London's EV drivers will have access to the brand-new charging hub in Stratford from 28 December 2019. The rapid charge points at the hub are capable of providing up to 100 miles of charge in just 35 minutes.¹

Christina Calderato, TfL's Head of Transport Strategy and Planning, said: "We know that a comprehensive network of charging points is essential if we are to persuade drivers to ditch polluting diesel vehicles and swap them for electric alternatives. Installing a 1,000 more residential charging points across the capital means more Londoners can plug their vehicle in while at home, even if they don't have a driveway. For those that need to charge up in 20-30 minutes, London is one of the leading world cities for rapid charge points. The addition of the east hub in Stratford is the first super charging facility, allowing drivers easy access and convenient methods of payment."

Almost 3,000 London taxis have switched to electric to navigate the introduction of ultra-low emission zones in the city. This hub will support this transport transition with accessible and convenient charging.

London's EV revolution will continue next year, with new requirements being brought in for private-hire vehicles. As of 1 January 2020, all newly licensed private hire vehicles that are less than 18 months old will need to be plug-in hybrid, electric or hydrogen vehicles.

Andrew Wescott, Head of Regulatory & External Affairs at Addison Lee Group said "Decarbonising the transport network and improving air quality is a priority for us. Our shift to a zero emissions fleet will be enabled by an expansive EV infrastructure charging network. We support this initiative by the Mayor to build and expand this network."

"Independent research and our own EV trials show that drivers will need access to a mix of home chargers and an 'on-the-go' rapid network. Over the next two years we need a significant increase in this network so that we can keep London's economy moving while improving air quality for its citizens."

Earlier this month, TfL hit its target of rolling out 225 rapid charging points in 2019. London's rapid charging network now totals over 300 points following effective collaboration between the public and private sector.

London is currently leading the UK in EV infrastructure – a quarter of all charge-points in the UK are in the capital. Under Sadiq Khan's leadership, the number of ultra-low emission vehicles has more than tripled from 9,598 to 30,780.

For Engenie, this announcement follows a string of [high profile partnerships](#), including the company's plan to double the number of rapid chargers in the UK by 2024, [following significant investment](#) from Cube Infrastructure in July 2019, which has seen Engenie build its network from seven to 100 rapid charging sites installed across 2019.

London's first EV rapid charging hub site installation was carried out by eSmart networks. Engenie was represented during the project by law firm BCLP.

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Engenie Ltd is an electric vehicle charging network operator specialised in rapid chargers. With a customer-first approach, Engenie provides charging points that are accessible, easy-to-use, require no membership or connection fee and operate with normal contactless payment. Every charging point is also powered using 100% renewable electricity, forming a major part of Engenie's commitment to enable a low-carbon transport system and pollutant-free air.

Engenie offer fully funded and fully managed charging solutions for commercial landlords, local authorities, fleets and property developers. Following an initial pilot, Engenie secured significant investment from Investec and Cube to expand its operations into a UK-wide network of EV charging points. Its fast-growing team is based in London Victoria.

More information on Engenie can be found at <http://engenie.co.uk>