



Rapid charging hub: Drivers can charge their electric vehicles in just 20-30 minutes

Going electric

TFL OPENS A NEW RAPID CHARGING HUB IN SOUTH LONDON AS DEMAND RISES

LONDONERS can now benefit from a new rapid charging hub at Glass Yard in Woolwich. The 'petrol station' for electric vehicles enables drivers to charge their vehicles in 20-30 minutes and with eight charging points, it means a space is more likely to be available.

The facility in south London is part of TfL's strategy to have a rapid charging hub in every one of the capital's five sub-regions. The first was in east London at Stratford International, with another currently being constructed in a central location at a site at Baynard House in the City of London. More will follow in the north and west.

in overnight and return to it fully charged in the morning.

There are now more than 7,000 charging points within the M25, an increase of more than 2,000 over the last year. Some are dedicated specifically to about 4,300 zero-emission capable black cabs taking fares from Heathrow to Hornchurch.

Taxi drivers have also been able to access up to £10,000 to take dirty diesels off the road, and through the Office of Low Emission Vehicles, are being given a grant of £3,500 to go electric.

CLEANER AND GREENER

On October 25, the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) will expand up to, but not including, the North and South Circular roads.

The expanded ULEZ is 18 times the current zone and it is expected it will contribute to a fall of harmful nitrogen dioxide of around 30 per cent across the whole of the capital.

The Glass Yard charging hub is conveniently located on the edge of the boundary. Ahead of the zone covering a larger area, the Mayor has encouraged people to do away with older, polluting vans, cars, motorcycles and heavy vehicles

with a £60million scrappage scheme. This has already seen more than 11,000 retrofitted or put beyond use.

While the charging infrastructure installed more than meets demand for now, a huge rise is expected over the next few years as the take up of electric vehicles increases.

The Mayor's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan estimates that by 2025, London may need up to 4,000 rapid charging points and up to 48,000 residential chargers as more people and businesses move to electric vehicles. A new strategy will be published later this year, addressing future forecasts.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'I'm delighted that TfL has opened a new rapid charging hub in south London, the second of five rapid charging hubs Londoners will soon be able to make use of around the capital.'

'There are now over 7,000 charge points available to support electric vehicle use in the city and it's great to see London leading the way in the green vehicle revolution.'

For more information on the ULEZ, visit tfl.gov.uk/ulez

CHARGING UP

Last year, TfL hit its target of delivering 300 rapid charging points across the capital. This faster way to power up is particularly important in supporting commercial drivers, such as taxis, private hire and van drivers, to make the green transition.

In partnership with the city's 33 boroughs through the Go Ultra Low Cities scheme, more than 3,000 residential charging points have already been delivered. The points enable drivers to plug their vehicle



Powering up: TfL's Glass Yard hub in Woolwich, south London, offers eight charging points for electric vehicles



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