



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Michael Shanks MP
Minister for Energy
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
By email

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Dear Michael

Re: Electric Vehicle Charging Network

I am writing on behalf of my constituents regarding the need to improve the electric vehicle charging networking in my constituency of North Herefordshire and beyond.

I am regularly contacted by my constituents regarding the lack of EV charging stations across the country but particularly in North Herefordshire. I understand that Herefordshire is due to receive a roll out of extended EV chargers. Whilst this is welcomed, I understand that these are not intended to be rapid or ultra-rapid charging points and will instead require users to wait several hours before their batteries are sufficiently topped up. The reason for this is that the power grid infrastructure in market towns such as Ledbury is insufficient to support these fast chargers.

Please could you set out what action the Government is taking to implement the necessary upgrades to the grid to enable low carbon technologies, including rapid EV chargers to be utilised in my constituency of North Herefordshire?

Yours sincerely

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