

Response to the recommendations in the Community Energy scrutiny report from June 2019.

“Estate Improvement Plans (EAPs) and if renewable energy been included as part of the Great Estates Programme, and specifically if the provision of solar and charge points for electric vehicles has been included in EAPs as part of the Great Estates Programme.”

The council is piloting Estate Improvement Plans on seven estates as part of the Great Estates Programme. These plans are agreed locally by residents and set out what they want to do to improve the lived experience of their estates. These can contain multiple ideas that could happen if funding could be identified, such as bidding to external agencies or through funding from neighbouring developments.

There was agreement to pilot this approach and a limited budget was provided per annum, over a three year period.

Following a borough wide Great Estates call for ideas consultation with residents in summer 2019, and ongoing estate specific engagement, key issues raised have tended to be around improving play areas, dealing with waste and fly tipping, providing bike lockers, improved lighting, gardening and greening projects and reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Great Estates team explored the possibility of including electrical charge points in the pilots, however the pilots have centred on what residents on the estates have requested and where quick improvements could be introduced. This work has covered a variety of factors including playgrounds, bird netting, resurfacing, CCTV, estate and parking signage, boundary fencing, recycling, and digital noticeboards.

The following webpage sets out further information about the council's approach on electrical vehicle charging. It includes a map of local charging points. The council is installing electric vehicle charging points into street lights. This light infrastructure would enable residents to pay for, and directly charge their electric car from lamp columns located on the kerbside. This is cheaper, quicker and easier to roll out with less impact on the streetscape than conventional electric vehicle charge points. The charging points installed are delivered through the Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS) project, which is managed by London Councils, Mayor of London and Transport for London on behalf of the Office of Low Emission Vehicles.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parking/parking-projects/electric-cars>