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Dear Cllr Ball,

**Question to Council – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

**Can you explain why investments in the EV infrastructure are limited to singular charging points rather than exploring Gridserve-style hubs that could generate jobs and support economic growth?**

In our previous discussions on this issue, I explained the Council has previously reviewed opportunities related to Gridserve-style hubs. Unfortunately, the schemes were found to be costly with long returns on investment and current funding streams unable to fund such a development. There would also need to be a suitable site location to attract demand and there are few roads in Rotherham that would meet the Average Daily Traffic Flows required for such installations (c.50,000+). The A630 Sheffield Parkway is the exception, but this will be served by the new Motorway Service Area accessible from Junction 33. This service area will operate as a hub and is planned to include 28 bays of rapid chargers along with the main amenity buildings plus a further 4 rapid chargers at the associated Starbucks.

Given the lack of other feasible sites and funds, the Council is focusing on its activity to improve the network of EV chargers across the Borough. This includes plugging gaps left by commercially provided EV chargers, providing community-based charge points and destination charger hubs close to shopping centres or leisure sites. The value in this approach is to provide charging as a service where there may not be as much demand, thereby improving the spread of chargers to increase uptake of EVs but also being able to supply at key locations based on assessments of demand. For example, the number of charge points in Council car parks can increase as demand increases over time.

However, the Council continues to be open to discussing opportunities as they arise, whilst also making best use of transport-based funding opportunities.  
I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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