

## Electric vehicles

### Charging points in the borough

Across the borough there are:

- 41 Source London charging points
- 63 lamp column chargers

[Charging points in Kensington and Chelsea](#). [1]

We are working on a programme to :

- install 170 new pay-as-you-go lamp chargers
- replace the 63 existing chargers with upgraded versions

### Source London charging points

Source London is a London-wide membership scheme for electric vehicle drivers. Any vehicle that is licensed with the DVLA as a pure electric or a plug-in hybrid vehicle can join the scheme.

- All Source London charging points are in dedicated EV bays and only EVs that are charging may park there.
- Thirteen of these charging points are 22kw and the rest are 7kw.
- Three of the bays are reserved for resident permit holders.

Find out more about [Source London](#) [2].

### Lamp column charging points

These charging points are operated by Ubitricity and offer a 3.5kw charge. Currently you need to buy a metered cable to use them.

To join the scheme, contact [Ubitricity](#) [3].

Find out more about lamp column charging points

We don't have dedicated parking bays for electric vehicles that use lamp column chargers.

Chargers are located in lamp columns next to pay and display bays wherever possible. This encourages a higher turnover of vehicles and increases access to charging points.

We don't locate chargers in residents' bays because their vehicles could block the charging point for long periods.

Parking charges and maximum stay requirements apply in the pay and display bays during controlled hours. However most electric vehicle users use the lamp column chargers at night when parking is free.

Parking is free between 6.30pm and 8.30 am

**Resident permit holders** can also park free of charge in pay and display bays:

- between 8.30am and 9.30am Monday to Saturday
- 5.30pm and 6.30pm Monday to Friday
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Saturday where controls still apply

This means that if you are a resident you can leave your car from 5.30pm until 9.30am the following morning free of parking charges but if you want to park during pay and display controlled hours, you will have to pay.

**Non-residents** will need to pay during all the pay and display controlled hours.

To use the chargers, you will need to buy an enhanced Mode-3-charging cable (32A) that has an in-built electricity meter.

Read more about [Ubitricity](#) [3]. [3]

## Suggest a lamp column charger location

We will consider suggestions for new lamp column charger locations.

Think about the likely availability of the parking space when choosing the locations. It may be that columns closest to your home are not the best choices and lamp columns near bays which are less likely to be occupied would be better so as to maximise the likelihood of accessing the sockets.

Another consideration is whether to choose columns by residents' bays or pay and display bays. Residents' bays will be free to permit-holders, but may be occupied by a non-electric vehicle for long periods of time. Pay and display bays would incur a parking charge during controlled hours but would be free at night and would offer the advantage that there is a turnover of cars using them.

We cannot install chargers in lamp columns next to yellow line restrictions.

Heritage-style lamp columns are not large enough to accommodate chargers. We may be able to install a bollard instead.

Send your suggestions for two or three lamp columns near your home, making sure each column is clearly numbered, to [evcharging@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:evcharging@rbkc.gov.uk) [4].

## Residents' parking permits for electric vehicles

Residents' parking permits for electric vehicles are charged at the lowest permit tariff. See [residents permits](#) [5].

Residents can only have one permit for one car. We do not allow second permits for electric vehicles because, although they may not produce emissions at the point of use, they still take up parking space which is in short supply in the borough.

## Visitor parking for electric vehicles

We do not offer discounted rates for visitor parking in pay and display bays.

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### Links

[1] <https://lbhf.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2e050c3dfae94a0a9492a46c10c20936>

[2] <https://www.sourcelondon.net/>

[3] <http://www.ubitricity.co.uk>

[4] <mailto:evcharging@rbkc.gov.uk>

[5] <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/parking-transport-and-streets/residents/parking-permits>