

EV Chargers (Home Use) Policy

This policy sets out the key criteria that must be followed should you wish to have an electric vehicle charging point installed. Tenants must pay for the install themselves.

You must seek permission from Haig Housing before the installation takes place by completing our Tenant Improvement Request Application which can be found <u>here</u>. This policy is only applicable where the EV will be parked on a driveway or carport adjacent to the property.

The EV chargers will typically have one outlet to allow one car at any one time to be connected. As the charger will be metered via the home's electricity meter, they can only serve a single property and should be in a secure location, externally mounted.

SELECTING YOUR CHARGER

The resident is authorised to select their own charger; however, Haig Housing are building a partnership with Pod Point and would recommend them as our preferred EVCP supplier. To access their grant supported install follow <u>this link</u> or call them on **020 7247 4114**

INSTALLATION

The installation of the charger must be undertaken by a competent electrician that is registered with either NAPIT, NICEIC or equivalent recognised accreditation body. This registration will confirm that they are accredited to undertake work in accordance with Part P of the Building Regulation (Electrical safety – dwellings).

On completion of the installation, the electrician should complete and issue the "model test certificate" that their accreditation body provided to them. A copy of this certificate should then be provided to Haig Housing for our records.

When undertaking the installation if the property has an electrical consumer unit that does not meet current standards it will need to be replaced with a new unit that has sufficient outgoing circuits to accommodate the existing installation and the additional new circuit. In this instance the cost of a new consumer unit will fall on the tenant if it is required to facilitate the EV charger install. Please include this within the <u>Tenant Improvement Request Application</u> Form.

PERMISSIONS

It is the tenant's responsibility to establish if planning permission is required and to apply for planning approval.

If you live within a block that Haig Housing do not own, you must get permission from the building owner. If this is the case for your home you are required to evidence the property owner's permission before Haig Housing can offer approval.

- Your installer will be required to provide Haig Housing with a Risk Assessment and Method Statement (RAMS) as part of the approval process.
- If you live on a controlled parking estate you will be required to register your vehicle to gain a parking permit.

TERMINATION OF TENANCY AND MAINTENANCE

Upon termination of your tenancy:

- If you wish to retain the EV chargepoint, you must remove it. You are responsible for making good any damage to the property relating to the install at your own cost.
- If you do not remove it Haig Housing will assess the condition of the EV chargepoint and assess whether they are content for it to remain. If it is not in a safe condition to remain Haig will remove it and we may recharge this to you.
- If the EV chargepoint is retained, it will be gifted to the new tenant (who will take on the responsibility for it). If the new tenant does not want the EV chargepoint, Haig may remove it and you may be recharged the costs.
- In addition to this the tenant is obligated to maintain the unit as per the manufacturers recommendations and pay for any damage caused by a faulty unit or associated electrical issues.
- If on Haig's assessment it is determined the unit is unsafe at any time over the period of the tenancy the tenant will be ordered to rectify or remove it at their own cost.