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Dear XX

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I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about the location of public electrical vehicle charge points in England and Wales.

I am afraid that the information you requested is not currently held by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) or the Department for Transport (DfT).

To inform wider roll out of infrastructure as mainstream electric vehicles come to the UK, the Government is supporting the 'Plugged-In Places' programme. The scheme offers match-funding, through OLEV, to consortia of businesses and public sector partners to support the installation of electric vehicle recharging infrastructure in lead places across the UK. The Government is supporting eight Plugged-In Places (PIPs):

- East of England
- Greater Manchester
- London
- Midlands
- Milton Keynes
- North East
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland

Further information on OLEV the Plugged-In Places schemes, and the Government's recharging infrastructure strategy can be found at:

[www.dft.gov.uk/topics/sustainable/olev/recharging-electric-vehicles/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/topics/sustainable/olev/recharging-electric-vehicles/)

Charging points are also being installed by councils across the UK and we are beginning to see the emergence of private sector schemes into the recharging infrastructure market. Indeed, we estimate that to date some 4,000 chargepoints have been installed through the public and private sector combined.

Government has recognised this and in order to help plug-in vehicle drivers access these chargepoints is developing a National Chargepoint Registry (NCR). This will be a database of publically accessible chargepoints across the UK, available on [data.gov.uk](http://data.gov.uk). It is envisaged that the Registry will be fully developed and tested over the coming months, allowing businesses to innovate and provide products, such as satnav and mobile apps, for plug-in vehicle owners to access.

However, some of the information you seek may already be publically available. There are a number of private sector organisations, such as [www.thechargingpoint.com](http://www.thechargingpoint.com) and

infrastructure manufacturers (for example, Chargemaster, Elektromotive, Ecotricity and POD Point) who have chargepoint data readily available on their websites, as do some of the PIPs (accessible through the DfT/OLEV link above).

I hope that this information is helpful.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/01  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Your right to complain to [DfT/Agency] and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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