

#### ecars Community Newsletter

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# **Dear EV Community**

As the EV community continues to grow we extend a warm welcome to all new and existing electric vehicle drivers. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative.

Below you will find details on the latest updates to our charge point network and to our customer care support. Our <u>website</u> includes a number of useful resources such as a link to the <u>charge</u> <u>point map</u>, details on how to re-charge your electric vehicle and information on registering for a charge point access card.

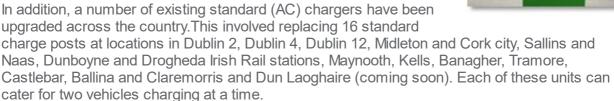
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### **Infrastructure Updates**

In the last six months we have installed new multi standard fast charge points at Junction 14 Monasterevin (Co. Kildare), Ballindine (Co. Mayo), Longford town, Monaghan, Ennis (Co. Clare), Newcastle Road (Galway city) and Commons Road (Cork city). These fast charge points facilitate the expansion of the CCS/Combo network for drivers of VW, BMW and Hyundai EVs, enabling them to travel on major inter-urban routes with ease.

There are also plans to install fast charge points at new locations in Cavan, Wexford and Galway. These are scheduled to be installed in early 2019.



We will continue investing and upgrading in the existing fast and standard (AC) charging infrastructure in 2019.

In order to maintain and enhance the existing charging network, it is our plan to introduce fees for use of the fast charger network in mid 2019 and it is proposed that fees for standard (AC) chargers would follow in 2020. We will consult and engage with EV drivers and other interested parties in advance of fees being introduced.



# **Planning For The Future**

EV charging technology is evolving to meet the needs of larger batteries and faster charging vehicles. In this context, we are reviewing the current and future needs of the Irish EV sector now and into the future.

This includes the feasibility of deploying high power charging hubs across all parts of Ireland. If deployed, these hubs would cater for two to eight vehicles charging simultaneously and offer drivers higher

charging speeds, resulting in reduced charging times. These would help remove the risk of queuing and provide customers with alternative charging options at a single location. As our plans progress we will keep you updated.



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#### Things to remember

- ✓ Always bring your charge point access card with you on your journey.
- ✓ To help plan your journey visit the <u>charge point</u> <u>map</u> or 'ecar connect' app.
- ✓ Please remember one DC connector (CHAdeMO <u>or</u> CCS) can be used at the same time as the Fast AC connector on our multi standard fast charge points,
- ✓ Please return the cable to the fast charger when you have finished and vacate the space to allow the next driver to recharge.

Note: If you have a safety concern, please contact our 24/7 helpline on **01 258 3799**.

You can find more helpful tips at: www.esb.ie/ecars

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#### **EV Summit**

ecars sponsored the Electric Vehicle (EV) Summit yesterday in Croke Park. Speakers hailed from a range of organisations including ESB, Jaguar Land Rover, SEAI and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. They addressed a range of topics and case studies, such as the key role EVs will play in taking fossil fuels out of Irish society; how to meet the needs of the EV driver, as well as looking at advances in EVs and batteries.

See: www.evsummit.ie

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