

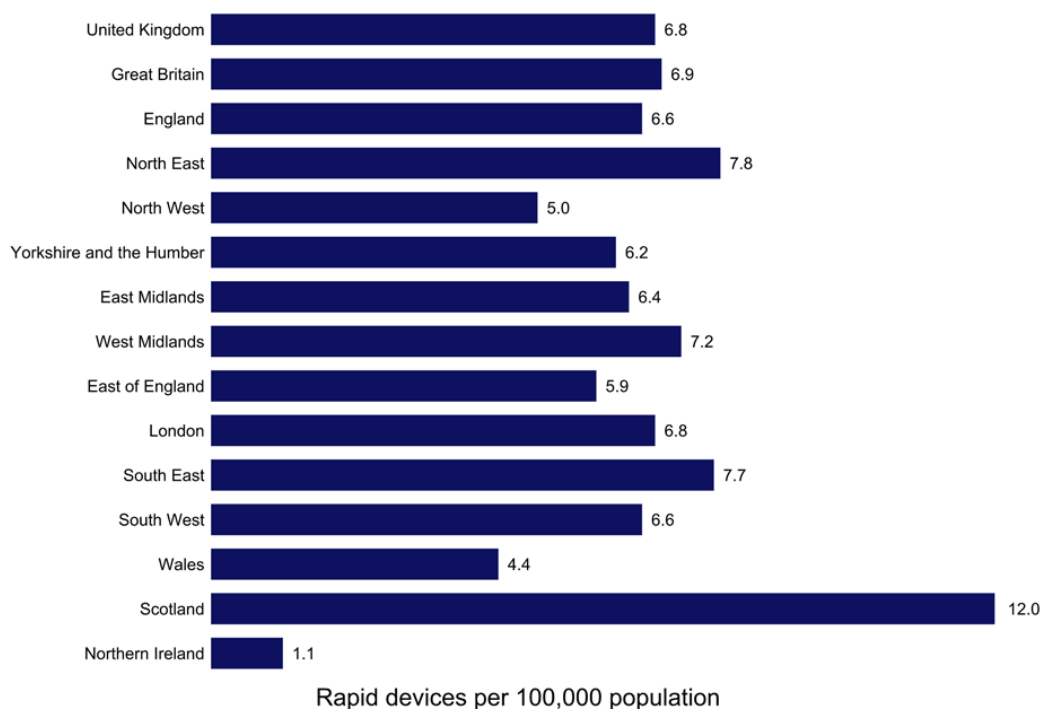
Dear Committee Member

As a follow-up to our presentation to you in May this year, we thought you might be interested to read this update on the work of our group so far this year -

<https://evani.uk/evani-first-half-report-2021/>

We also attach a copy of the letter sent to minister Mallon this morning requesting an early meeting to discuss a range of EV related matters.

As you can see things continue to worsen for EV drivers in Northern Ireland. These latest government electric vehicle charging statistics (July 2021) are damning and continue to highlight just how serious the issues are here. This chart for example shows Rapid Chargers per 100,000 of population, for a fair comparison across the UK regions;



Many thanks for your continued support in these matters.

Kind regards

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Mark McCall



Electric Vehicle Association Northern Ireland

16th August 2021

Minister Nichola Mallon
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Dear Minister Mallon

The Climate Change Committee have stated that “The full transition to electric vehicles (EVs) will be one of the most important actions to achieve the UK’s Net Zero target”. The recent Code Red announcement from the IPCC has brought this necessity into even sharper focus.

Yet Northern Ireland’s EV charging infrastructure slips further and further behind each quarter. Latest government figures (July 2021) show we now have 527% fewer rapid chargers per 100K population than the GB average and a startling 990% less than Scotland. We cannot understand why we still have no meaningful progress on EV infrastructure here.

With this in mind, we would like to schedule the follow-up meeting mentioned in your letter of 26th March as soon as possible, to discuss a wide range of EV related topics including:

1. NI’s position as the worst region for EV charging infrastructure in these islands
2. EV drivers having to return to petrol and diesel due to above
3. DfI’s budget for EV infrastructure for the next 12 months
4. The importance of forming an EV Task Force to turn things around here
5. DfI’s proposed solutions for home charging for those without off-street parking
6. DfI’s update on ‘Project Rapid’ funding and the Barnett Consequential question
7. Ongoing lack of ORCS grant applications from any of our 11 councils
8. DfI’s aim for ‘modal shift’ away from car travel in NI
9. Slow progress with painting 2nd spaces green at AC chargers on-street
10. Allocation of DfI resources based on greatest impact on CO₂ reduction targets

With just 100 months to go until the 2030 ban on purely fossil fuelled vehicles, we must get these changes underway now. We would appreciate some suggested dates for an early meeting.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark McCall', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark McCall
Director