

New Homes to have EV Charge Points

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The Government has announced ambitious plans to change the Building Regulations so that all new homes with a parking space will be provided with an electric vehicle charging point. This is to dovetail with the commitment to phase out new petrol and diesel cars by 2030. The proposals also affect residential refurbishments and new non-residential buildings with more than 10 parking spaces.

The Government plans to submit amended Building Regulations to Parliament before the end of 2021 which, once in force, will require the following EV charging provision:

- Every new home, including those created from a change of use, with associated parking within the site boundary to have an electric vehicle charge point;
- Residential buildings undergoing major renovation, which will have more than 10 parking spaces within the site boundary after the renovation is complete, to have at least one electric vehicle charge point for each dwelling with associated parking within the site boundary and cable routes in all spaces without charge points;
- All new non-residential buildings, with more than 10 parking spaces within the site boundary of the building, to have a minimum of one charge point and in addition to this, cable routes for one in five of the total number of spaces;
- All non-residential buildings undergoing a major renovation, which will have more than 10 parking spaces within the site boundary after the renovation is complete, to have a minimum of one charge point and in addition to this, cable routes for one in five spaces.

The Government expects up to 145,000 charge points to be installed every year as a result of introducing these regulations, with the intention of making the UK a world leader in the transition to electric vehicles.