



EV Cross Pavement Charging Guidance Update May 2026

Purpose and Scope of Guidance

Purpose

Support EV adoption for residents without off-street parking by enabling safe, accessible, and legally compliant home-adjacent charging.

Scope and Objectives

Provide standardised methods and clear legal responsibilities, keep footways unobstructed, and guide coordinated installations with local authorities.

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Accessibility and Compliance

Integrate cross-pavement solutions (e.g., cable gullies) without compromising access for wheelchair users or people with visual impairments.

Policy Alignment

Maintain consistent national standards, reduce liability risks, and advance Scotland's decarbonisation through equitable home-charging access.

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What does it Include ?

1) Key Legal Duties for Roads Authorities

- i. Roads Scotland Act 1984
- ii. Equalities Legislation
- iii. NRWSA

2) Installation Routes and Responsibilities

- i. Authority Led
- ii. Applicant Led under NRWSA Section 109
- iii. Shared

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3) Safety and Accessibility Measures , such as

- i. Footway Standards inc width
- ii. Roads for All design
- iii. Lighting, hazard and trip prevention

4) Site Suitability

- i. Parking and TROs
- ii. Trees, drainage and existing utilities (SRWR links)
- iii. Traffic (people and vehicles)

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What does it Include ?

5) Requirements for Cable Gully options

- i. Materials, design and installation
- ii. Safety and usage
- iii. Maintenance

6) Applicant Responsibilities

- i. Permissions and Consents
- ii. Qualified installers
- iii. Insurance and maintenance

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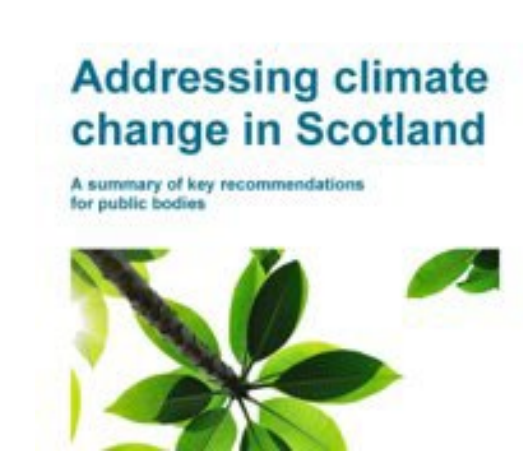
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- 7) Sample Checklist for Applicants
- 8) Sample Section 109 Conditions
- 9) Sample Policy Statement



Current National Position in Scotland

- 4 LAs in Scotland have installations in place on back of EST/TS/DfT Grants.
- East Lothian has extensive experience inc reasons to refuse
- Energy Savings Trust have launched a further round of Grants this month
- 248 applicants interested as of last week
- CENEX published detailed guidance for England in 2025
- Some suppliers have developed good flowcharts and websites to assist applicants eg Kerbo

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Next steps

- SCOTS Initial Guidance onto website after today
- Consider a working group to provide knowledge sharing and support plus to do further updates and research
- Authorities to develop own policy statements
- Build into wider guidance/codes and formal plans

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Questions/Discussion

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