

# **Energy Superhub Oxford - The First Year**

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# What is Energy Superhub Oxford?

A world-first project pioneering an integrated approach to decarbonising power, transport and heat to accelerate Oxford's journey to zero carbon.

Showcasing a powerful network of:

- hybrid battery energy storage
- rapid electric vehicle charging
- low carbon heating, and
- smart energy management

providing a model for cities around the world to cut carbon emissions and improve air quality.







## Hybrid Battery – Key messages/learnings

- More storage is absolutely critical to enable the flexibility National Grid needs in all Future Energy Scenarios
- The project has opened up the transmission network to the wider market, as alternative to DNO connection route
- Successful first year demonstrated in trading and Grid services, more batteries approved for construction...
- Regulatory lessons learned, eg how batteries are categorized by Ofgem needs to change





#### Private Network, 7km, transmission-connected





#### **EV Networks Stakeholder Map**



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### Superhub Project Timeline

		20	19			2(	)20			20	)21			20	)22		2023
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#### Private & Public Sector Partners – Team is Everything!





Hundred's of people, partners and stakeholders Residents & customers Partners Taxi Drivers & Trade Body Suppliers Engineers Manufacturers Consultants Construction Companies Designers Government

#### The first year...



The Superhub is powering **90 cars** per day on average

The average consumption is **34.5 kWh** per visit



ESO has seen that there has been increasing uptake of the charging facilities by EV drivers, with a **72.2%** increase YOY



Source:

<u>Average Electric Car kWh Per Mile [Results From 231 EVs] (ecocostsavings.com)</u> Average CO2 Emissions per Car in the UK | NimbleFins



## Monthly consumption (and visits) increasing...

#### **Total consumption (MWh) Total**





## User Experience at Redbridge

- 151 users interviewed
- Actual charging experience is exceeding expected experience
  - "Easy to use"
  - "Good location"
  - "Easy to pay"
- The hub attracts users from inside and outside Oxfordshire...
- And of many different journey purposes
- We hope the hub will help to accelerate Oxford's EV uptake in the next years





# **Continuing an Electric Vehicle Revolution**

#### Major fleet decarbonisation

- 35% of City fleet electric by end of 2023
- 160 tonnes of CO2 saved to date
- Financial savings 2022 electricity costs were 1/3 price of fuel

#### Taxi decarbonisation

- 25% Hackney cabs migrated to electric (£5k grants/Try B4 you Buy)
- 200 tonnes of CO2 saved





## Oxford's EV innovation Journey



#### Zero Carbon Oxford Roadmap Targets

Expected No. of Plug-in Vehicles to 2040

50.000 40.000 30.000 20.000 10,000 2017 2025 20232028 2039 2031 20342036 Low Scenario - IK Medium Scenario - Oxford ———— High Scenario - Exeter \_\_\_\_\_2COP

Figure 3 Expected number of plug-in vehicles to 2040

#### Oxford in 2030 (ZCOP)

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### Replication, buy-in and dissemination



**Private wire and superhub**. ESO has demonstrated the benefits of delivering high-powered EV charging in the city of Oxford. **This model is being replicated in Coventry and Birmingham,** and is suitable for the outskirts of many UK cities, especially where local grid constraints hinder the roll out of solar, EV chargers and heat pumps.

**Replication - EDF have 40 grid connection sites in the UK** 

#### 'EVs are for Everyone' public/business event – 27<sup>th</sup> May

- Test drive an affordable EV car or van
- Insights on owning, leasing EVs for personal & business use.
- Meet our friendly bunch of experts and local EV champions
- Discover car club/car sharing solutions
- Find out about used/pre-loved EV cars/vans
- Listen into our '10 minute how to' sessions on all things EV from how to charge, to 'which cable is which?'
- Get an action pack to help you decide next steps



# **Oxford's Electric Bus Fleet**

- ZEBRA scheme enables £82m bus electrification
- Oxford Bus Company 104 buses
- 8MW OBC Agreement to take power from ESO (EDF Renewables) private wire
- 150kW chargers, 170 mile range
- Stagecoach 55 buses
- Stagecoach agreement signed and cable route installed summer 2023
- Major NOx air quality benefit for Oxford





#### Renewable Heat – Ground Source Heat Pumps





57 social housing properties installed & commissioned



- Smart controls +
- Load shifting +
- Time of Use Tariffs

Reduced work loads

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### **Integrated GSHP/Heat Battery**





5 prototypes installed



### Heat Network – Key messages/learnings

- Heat pumps drive savings of up to 50% for residents, even without smart controls
- Load shifting using building fabric (with Smart Controls) can shift domestic heating, further reduce cost and evening peak load
- Integrated GSHP/Heat Batteries can shift that heat by 12-15 hours to times when grid has spare/unused capacity
- Behavioural change a key part of heat electrification
- Time of use Tariffs are <u>critical</u> to maximise customer savings and change behaviours





## Beyond Oxford...

- Up to 40 EDFR sites (Battery + Private Wire)
- Coventry & Birmingham batteries built & operating
- Further 5 sites have investment approval
- Further 8 with planning permission
- Private wires to follow batteries







#### Thank you

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Kensa Contracting



# Improving Housing Stock Sustainability

Ben Harrison- Sustainable Housing Officer

#### Context



2030 net zero target

6,000 homes



Homes = 45% of emissions

30% of homes below EPC C



New builds need to be net zero





#### Why Retrofit?

- Lettable standards- EPC D Homes will be unlettable from 2030.
- Green economy- £15bn opportunity across Essex.
- **Fuel poverty-** 21% of Essex are currently in fuel poverty.
- **Carbon cost-** One of the biggest sources of Co2 emissions.
- Health- Savings to the NHS would pay retrofit back in 9 years.





### Retrofit Action Plan and Parity Projects

- Parity Projects software used to obtain baselines and model improvement pathways.
- Retrofit Action Plan created.
- Data is crucial but key central EPC issues are ongoing.





#### **Retrofit Show Home**

- Solid wall EPC D 1950s home.
- Partnership with Morgan Sindall for completion by the end of 2023.

Deep retrofit works including:

- External Wall Insulation and Loft Insulation.
- Ventilation Improvements and Tripple Glazing.
- ASHP, Electric Appliances, Solar PV and Battery.
- Smart Controls + Monitoring.
- Grey water recycling and sustainable drainage.





#### Retrofit Show Home









## Funding

- £2.3m SHDF bid for 110 EPC D/E 1950s Solid wall homes.
- SHDF will be 50% match funded. Delivered by March 2025.
- Will reduce bills and Co2 emissions by 30%





# New build







#### Future Homes Standard

#### 2021 + 2025



No more Gas Boilers from



Radical standards becoming

more common



#### Passivhaus

- Fabric First approach
- Ultra-high thermal performance and air quality
- Very low fuel bills
- Reduced rent areers
- Reduced overheating risk
- Uplift is decreasing (5-8%)
- Best route to delivering true net zero homes





#### Our projects

#### HRA Phase 3+4 (3 sites)

• 17 Houses 1 Bungalow 20 flats

#### **Key features:**

- FHS 2025 and SAP Net Zero.
- ASHP for houses GSHP for flats.
- Biodiversity enhancement- Swift boxes, hedgehog and badger bypasses, green roof cycle storage.
- EV charging.

#### **Passivhaus Pilot:**

- 3 houses across 2 sites for pilot project next year.
- Designed in with in-house Passivhaus Architect.
- Will investigate embodied carbon



#### **Beyond Heating**

- Embodied Carbon
- Circular economy
- Sustainable drainage
- Biodiversity
- Electric vehicles



