

AGENDA 14, Enc xii) Consultation (with Town Council) on Electric ChargePoint's in Ashington

Our region has been awarded funding through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) program to expand electric vehicle charging access. As part of this effort, Northumberland County Council has been tasked with identifying potential locations for new public charging stations across our towns.

While the County will select the sites, Transport North East will manage installation and ongoing maintenance through an appointed third party contractor. It is important to note the County itself will not own or operate these new chargers.

NCC have an opportunity to bring clean transportation infrastructure to our communities and have sought the Council's feedback on selected locations that would best serve residents with on-street parking needs. Priority should be given to main streets, shopping areas, parks, and other convenient public sites. Both fast and slow chargers are under consideration.

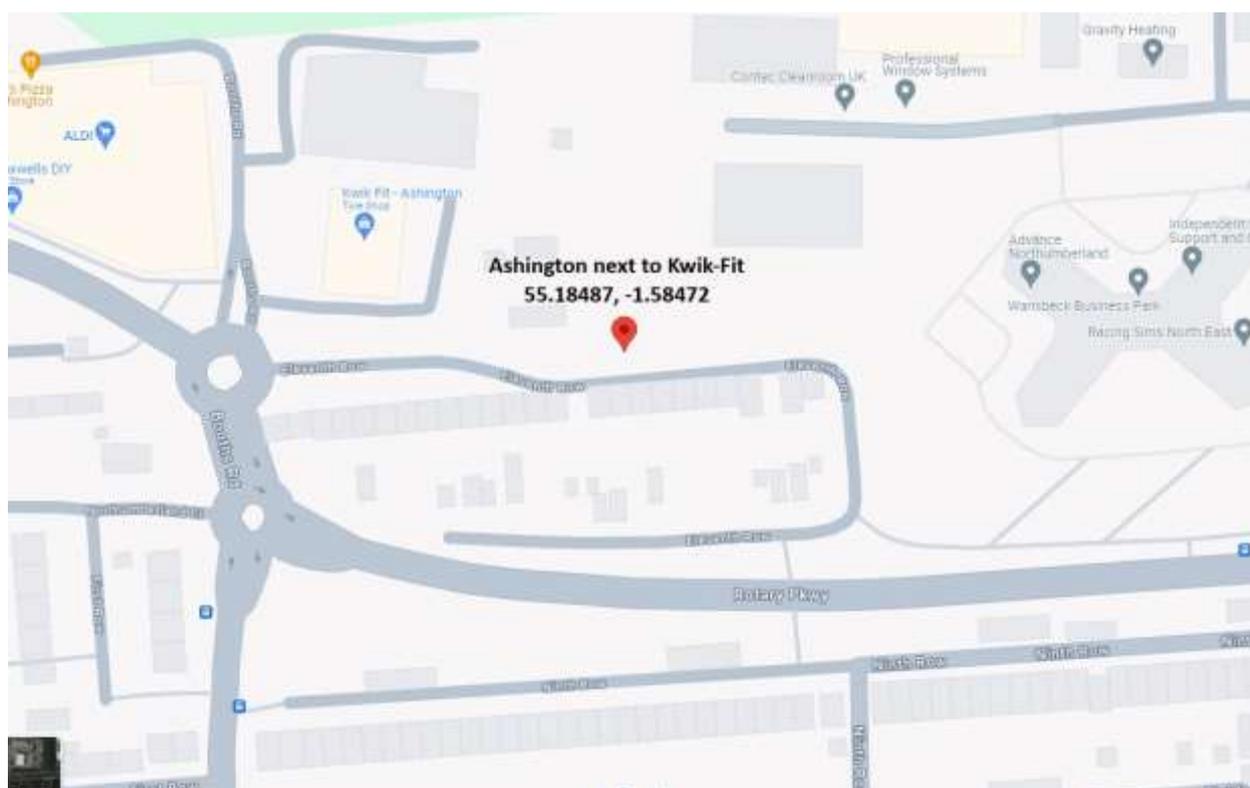
To install a chargepoint, it is important to check that there is a good phone signal in the area, as well as a good electrical connection. Moreover, due to the rurality of Northumberland, electrical connection availability tends to be challenging to find, and when found, prices should not be prohibitive. This makes the process of finding a suitable location difficult.

The areas listed are considered by NCC to meet the criteria, based on Highways on-site surveys and using Northern Powergrid online tools.

The sites were sent by email for comment. The meeting is asked to agree any feedback, which will be shared with NCC and then Transport North East.

If the Council disagrees with the proposed locations, please feel free to explore via the toolkit to find a better location than the one proposed. Agreeing with the proposed locations is not mandatory, and you can always opt out of having a charger or change the proposed location with one that suits your needs better.

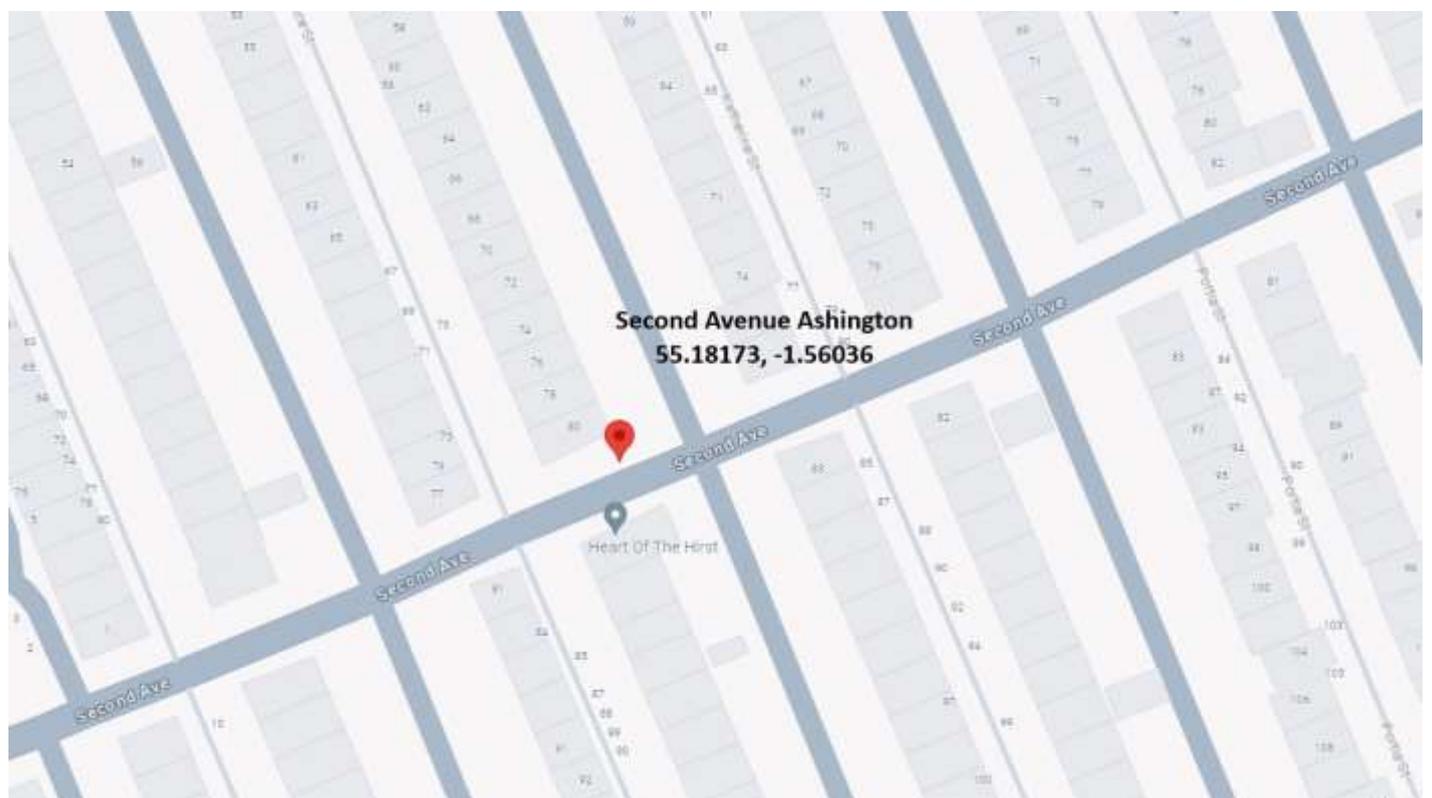
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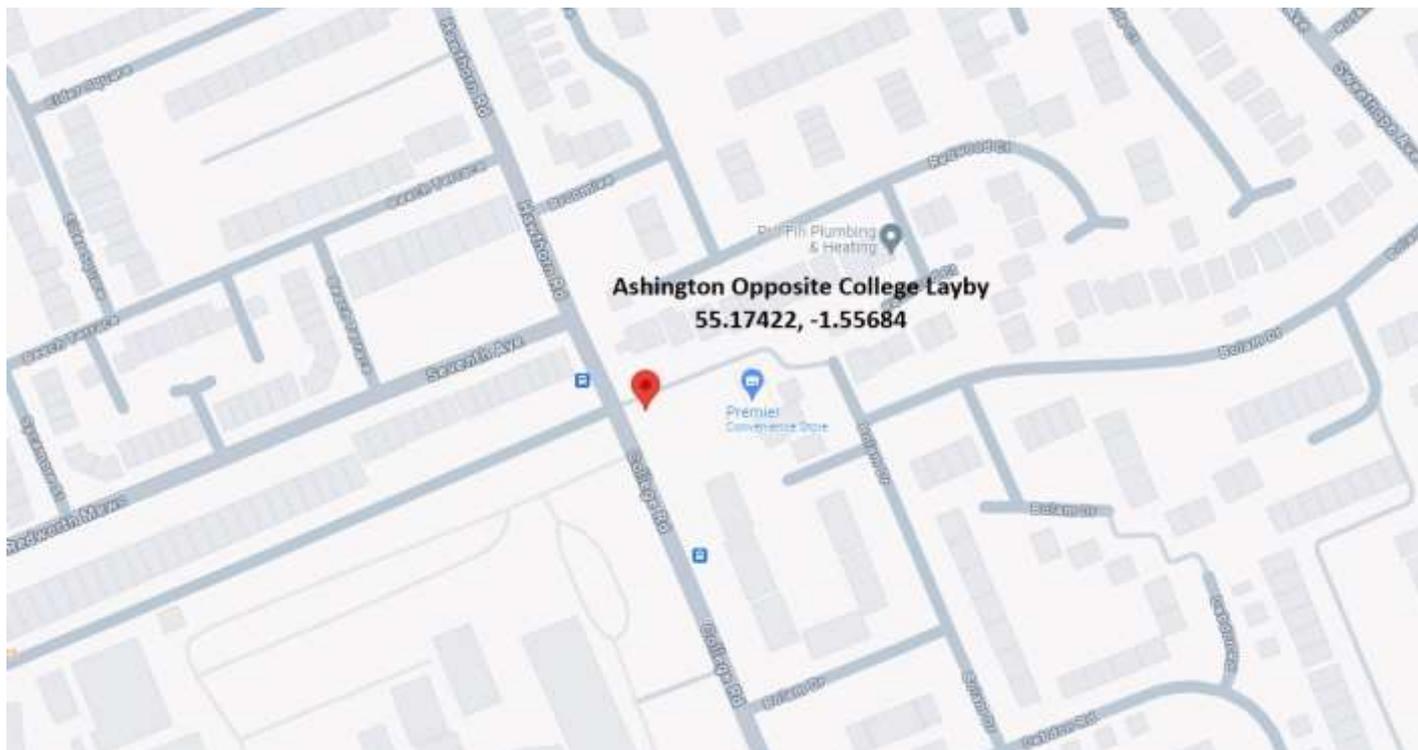
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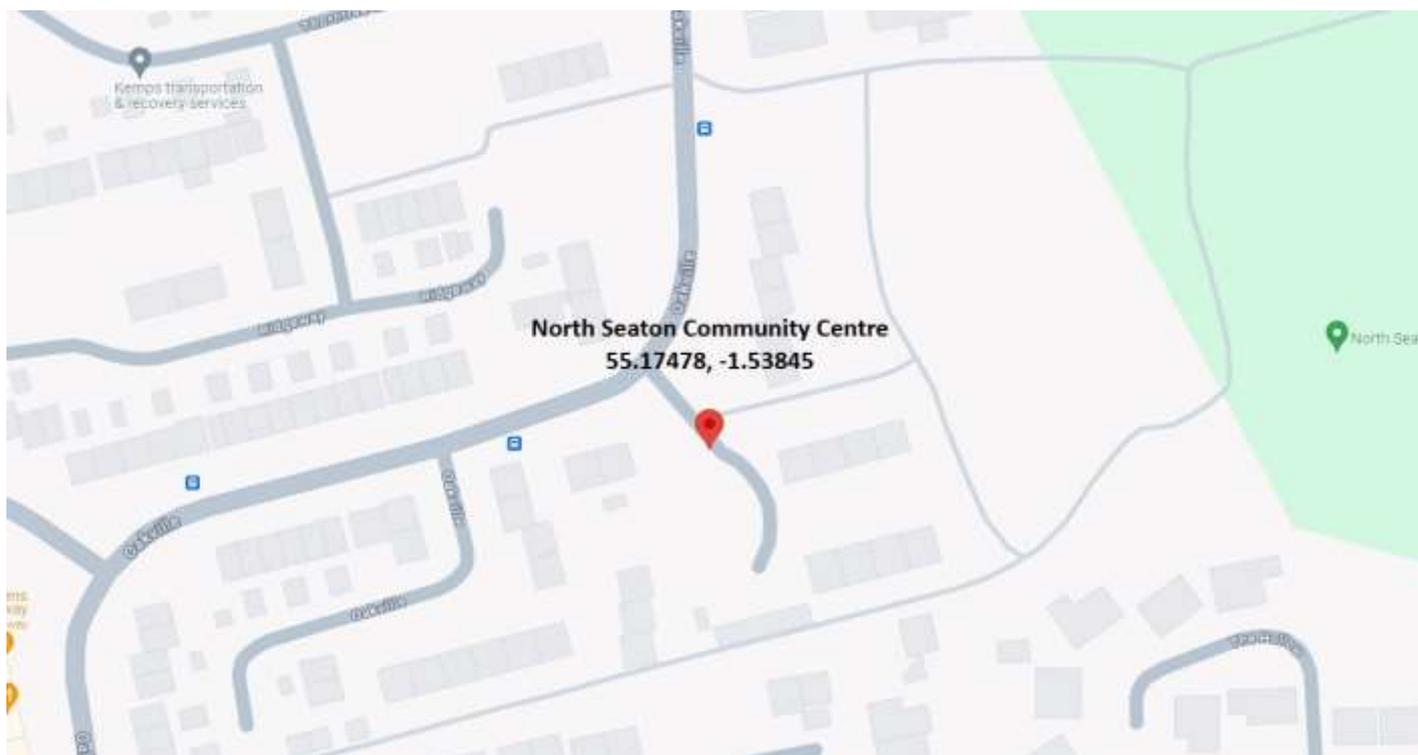
Second Avenue (55.18173/-1.56036)



Ashington College lay-by (55.17422/-1.55684)



North Seaton Community Centre (55.17478/-1.53845)



Location Assessment Toolkit (emailed)

Click on the link below to open

<https://www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/widescope/resources/News/location-assessment-toolkit-for-electric-vehicle-chargepoints-evcps-2-1-1.pdf>