



Oldham
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Oldham EVCI Strategy and Action Plan

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Foreword

Our commitment to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future underpins the initiatives we pursue. Oldham is a vibrant community, rich in history and diversity and at the forefront of innovation. We aspire to lead with our vision for an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Strategy to enhance the well-being of our residents, propelling us towards a greener, healthier community.

Our current EVCI network sets a strong foundation, but it's clear we need to expand to meet growing demands across the borough. Our aim over the next three years is to outline targeted actions to bridge these gaps and enhance our EV charging infrastructure systematically and strategically.

As part of the Oldham Green New Deal Strategy and the broader Oldham Transport Strategy, our EVCI strategy aligns with national, regional, local policies and our goals to decarbonise the borough by 2030.

In shaping this strategy, we are committed to making EVCI accessible, appropriate and available. This significant step helps overcome one of the major barriers to EV ownership and makes our borough a more attractive place to live and work.

At the heart of this strategy are the people of Oldham. We envision a future where our community thrives through innovative infrastructure, ensuring Oldham remains resilient, forward-thinking, and continues to flourish.

Cllr Arooj Shah
Leader of Oldham Council

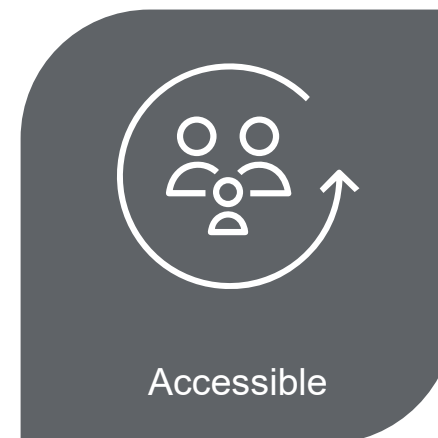
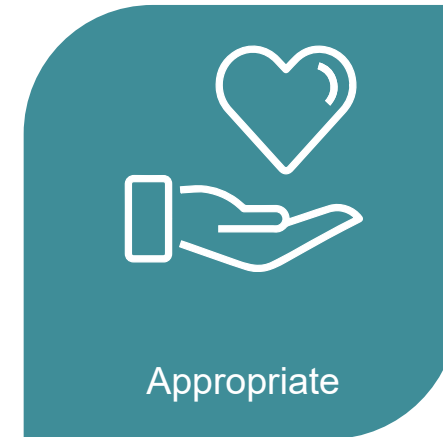


Strategic Context

This document outlines Oldham's strategy and future direction for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) in Oldham. Our EVCI Strategy aligns closely with national, regional and local policies, ensuring that our strategy is comprehensive and cohesive.

By integrating with the Oldham Green New Deal, we support broader goals to decarbonise the borough by 2030.

Collaboration with key stakeholders, including Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), is at the heart of our strategy. These partnerships are crucial in driving forward our vision and ensuring effective implementation.



Vision and Focus

The vision statement is structured around three ambitions, outlined as follows:

“Within the next three years Oldham will develop an accessible EVCI network, providing residents access to public EVCI within a 10-minute walk.

By embracing a mix of EV charging solutions, Oldham aims to create a sustainable and inclusive network that supports the Borough's journey towards carbon neutrality and a cleaner, greener future.”

Available

Building further on Oldham's geographical linkages, a strong coverage of public EVCI will be established through consideration of the surrounding Greater Manchester EVCI landscape. Oldham's overarching vision includes providing most residents without off-street parking access to a charge point within a 595m radius (a 10-minute walk).

Accessible

Acknowledging Oldham's diverse urban and rural landscape, a mix of EVCP solutions will be introduced ensuring inclusivity, affordability, and user-friendly options for all residents and local drivers. Oldham aims to encourage electric vehicle adoption among local residents, promoting a culture of cleaner, greener transport.

Appropriate

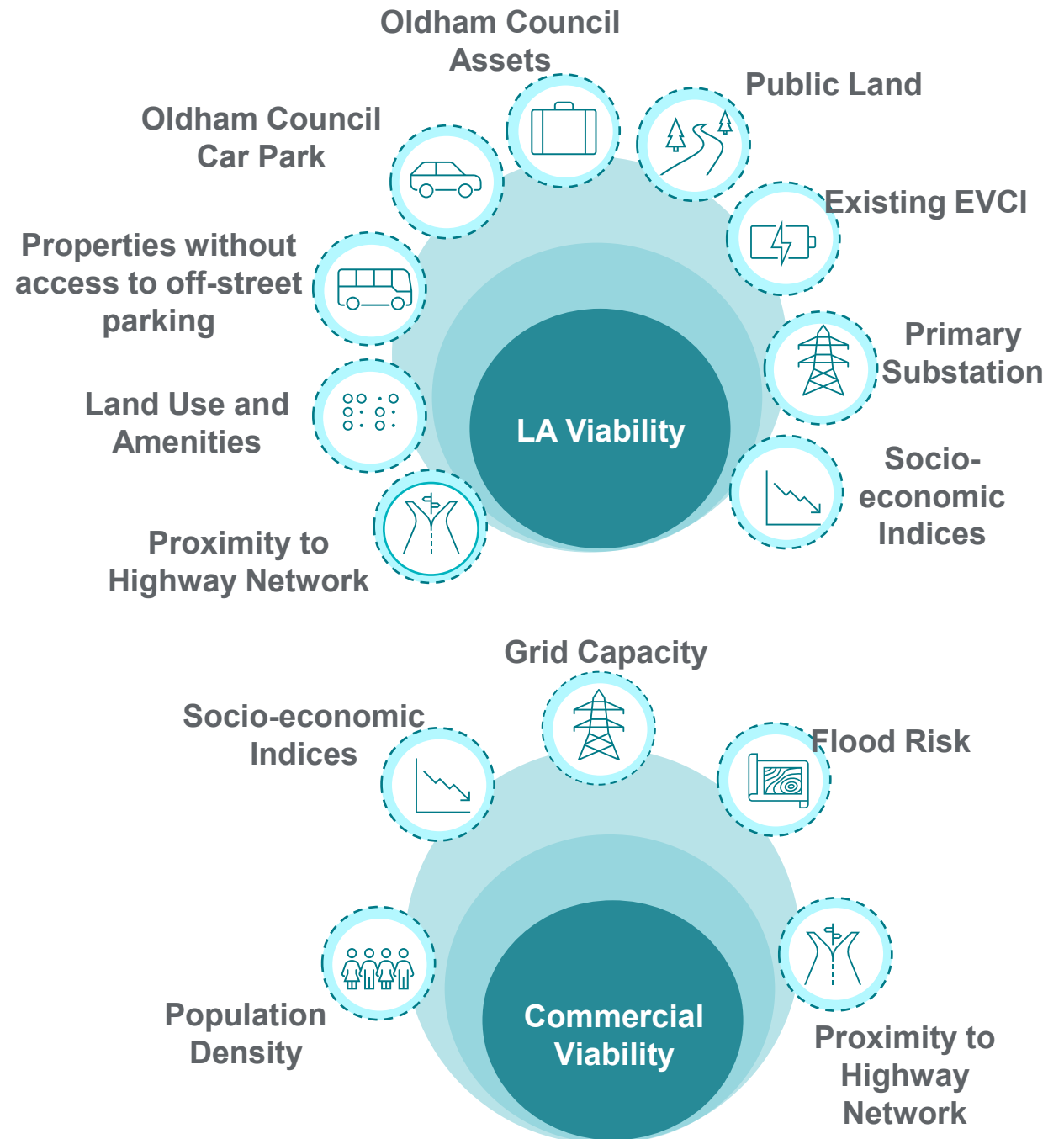
By creating a comprehensive network tailored to the local context and ensuring provision to all residents and their future needs. Oldham will establish a resilient and sustainable public EVCI network. This ambition will support Oldham towards their local energy plans for a carbon neutral future.

Viability Assessments

The methodology for the assessments utilised a data-led approach to identify optimal locations for EVCI in alignment with Oldham Council's priorities – focusing on inclusivity, socio-economic impact and commercial viability.

Key spatial datasets were scored and weighted to inform a two-stage viability assessment. Local Authority Viability to identify viable areas for local authorities to expand their EVCI network and Commercial Viability, to identify areas with potential to attract commercial funding opportunities.

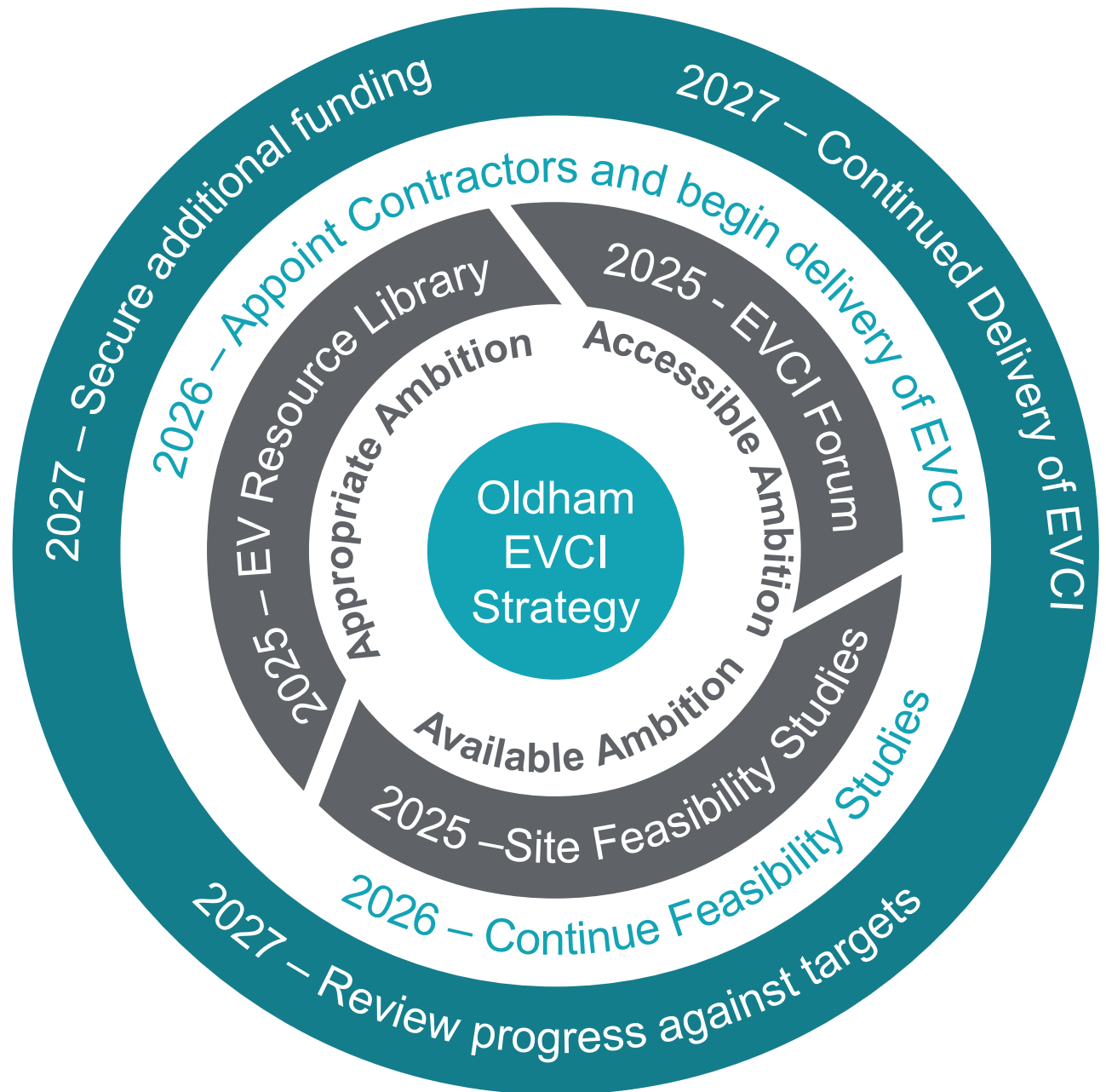
This approach ensures a balanced strategy, addressing both public and private sector needs.



Action Plan

Through a phased approach over the next three years, the action plan outlines small work packages that lay foundations for larger, more ambitious schemes.

Each action is working towards the Oldham EVCI vision, utilising grant funding where available. These are detailed on the following page.



Action Plan Details

	Action	Implementation
2025	EV Resource Library	Oldham will aim to create a single source of truth on the council's platforms to support residents and businesses transitioning to EVs
	Site Feasibility Studies	Feasibility studies will be conducted on high-priority sites identified in the commercial viability assessment
	EVCI Forum	Oldham will establish an EVCI forum to foster collaboration with stakeholders including Local Authorities, ChargePoint operators and local businesses to enhance the public EVCI network
2026	Continued Site feasibility studies	Oldham will continue studies to develop a comprehensive understanding of potential sites for EVCI installation and engage further discussions with EVCP operators
	Appoint EVCP operators and delivery of EVCI	Oldham will appoint EVCP operators to deliver the EVCI through a robust procurement process to ensure that all EVCI installed are available, accessible and appropriate.
2027	Review progress against targets	Oldham will evaluate success in meeting targets in 2025 and 2026. A gap analysis will be undertaken, detailing best practice and lessons learnt experienced against each target. Oldham will set out new targets for the upcoming period.
	Continued Delivery of EVCI	Oldham will continue to have open and honest conversations with EVCP operators to ensure continued delivery of EVCI.
	Secure additional funding	Oldham will evaluate potential funding streams going forward.

