Churchgate Area Association (CAA) and Air Quality (AQ)

- The CAA represents residents and businesses in the Medieval Grid area of Central Bury St Edmunds – Current membership 325
- Communicates with West Suffolk and Suffolk County Council on issues of importance to members e.g., Traffic, Parking and Air Quality
- Since 2019 represented on the AQ Group set up and supported by West Suffolk Council.

Government Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure policy and funding

- Government published guidance in 2022 for local authorities (LA) on funding applications under the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) pilot scheme.
- LA's 'must be planning an EV infrastructure project that supports the transition to EV use in a local area, with a **particular focus on provision for those without off street parking '**
- The On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme guidance for local authorities was updated on 1 Dec 22. The provision of on-street chargers by local authorities remains a key government policy.
- The purpose of the scheme is to increase the availability of on-street charge points in streets where off-street parking is not available, ensuring that on-street parking is not a barrier to owning an EV. www.gov.uk
- SCC were awarded £1,362,000 LEVI funding.

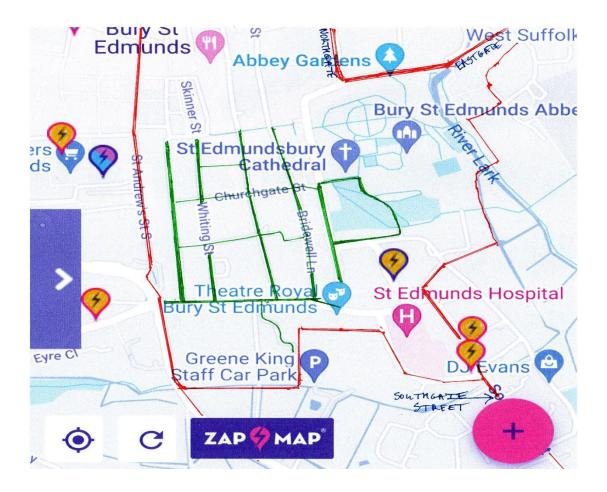
CAA EV Survey 2022

- The CAA Organised an EV Survey in Jan 2022 to gauge the need for onstreet chargers
- 215 CAA member households emailed and 71 (33%) responded.
- 31 (44%) owned or intended to get an EV before 2030
- 28 properties (39%) considered suitable for home EV charger.
- 43 (61%) considered not suitable for home EV charger.
- Nationally, 44% of homes are unsuitable for home chargers according to Lloyds Bank research Dec 22.
- EV Survey results were presented to the AQ Group in Mar 22 with a request that the Council consider an application for LEVI funding to pilot the installation of EV chargers in the Medieval Grid.

• Possible EV Locations in the Churchgate Area, utilising lamp posts, have been identified and offered to West Suffolk Council, but no confirmation received that there are plans for the provision of on-street EV chargers.

EV Charging Points in the CAA Area

- The ZapMap (below) shows the location of EV chargers adjacent to the CAA area.
- There are 3 public charge points, identified in yellow, on lamp posts in the conservation area, outlined in red, but there is no provision for EV chargers in the Churchgate Area shown in green.



 The majority of housing within the historic core of Bury St Edmunds, is not suitable for home charging, so would benefit from the provision of on street EV charging in line with the LEVI proposals. This would also support and link to reducing Air Pollution within the town, making Bury St Edmunds a healthier place to live.