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Dear Jennifer,

Re: Application 130627/FO/2021 | Mobility Hub

I am writing on behalf of Electricity North West to support the above plan for the Ancoats Mobility Hub.

Electricity North West is one of 14 distribution network operators in the UK regulated by Ofgem. It is responsible for maintaining and upgrading overhead power, underground electricity cables and more, to ensure the electricity network is fit for the future. This includes supporting progress towards net zero by investing £20m through Ofgem's Green Recovery scheme in 11 shovel-ready projects that are helping build back greener following the coronavirus.

One such [Green Recovery project](#) is Ancoats and Eastlands where additional network capacity will be provided to support the pace and quality of sustainable regeneration being delivered by Manchester City Council, Manchester Life, housing associations and private developers in the area.

The proposed Ancoats Mobility Hub is in-keeping with this high-quality sustainable regeneration and will help address a major environmental challenge. The transport sector contributes most greenhouse gas emissions (30%) in the UK with the majority coming from on-road petrol and diesel vehicles. Ambitious targets have been set by the government to end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030 with no carbon to leave the tailpipes by 2035.

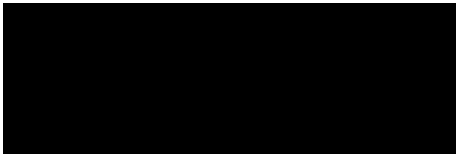
But ambitious targets to phase-out petrol and diesel vehicles require ambitious plans to phase-in electric, which includes the delivery of charging infrastructure for the [18 million electric vehicles expected on our roads by 2030.](#) The proposals for the Ancoats Mobility Hub are an example of the level of ambition required.



Through the provision of a market-leading 102 electric vehicle points, rising to 408 on demand, it will provide people living in an area of increasing density with the ability to choose greener transport options which would otherwise not be possible. According to the [Climate Change Committee, some 34% of UK households do not have off-street parking and need to charge on-street or elsewhere.](#) Without charging infrastructure, people are unable to choose electric vehicles, and carbon emission targets will not be met.

This is why Electricity North West supports this timely and necessary proposal and looks forward to seeing it happen in a neighbourhood which is increasingly being viewed as an exemplar of sustainable regeneration.

Yours sincerely



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