

# Press Release

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## CSC Launch Free Charging Stations for Electric Cars

**Capital Shopping Centres (“CSC”) has today joined forces with Elektromotive and EDF Energy to support electric vehicle drivers by offering car chargers at 9 major shopping centres across the UK.**

With support from the Energy Saving Trust this new venture is the first of its kind to be launched nationally and CSC is leading the way by offering this facility free of charge within shopping centre car parks. Customers will be able to recharge their electric or plug-in hybrid cars during the course of a normal shopping trip.

The scheme will not only raise awareness of the cost and environmental benefits of using electric cars, it will at the same time, make life easier for all those who already drive electric cars but do not have a convenient local charging point.

From today chargers will be available at the following shopping centres; **Braehead**, Renfrew, Glasgow; **Chapelfield**, Norwich; **The Chimes**, Uxbridge; **The Glades**, Bromley; **The Harlequin**, Watford; **Lakeside**, Thurrock; **MetroCentre**, Gateshead; **The Potteries**, Stoke-on-Trent and **The Victoria Centre**, Nottingham.

The charging points are simple to use with recharging cables and access keys free to hire direct from the shopping centres. An electronic key communicates by wireless to the recharger unit. When a valid key is read the weather-proof access panel automatically opens where the recharging lead from the vehicle can be inserted. Upon closing the access panel, it locks securely and power is turned on to supply 240 volts AC at 13 amps.

Last year the charging points, known as Elektrobays achieved industry recognition for their technical and environmental contribution by winning both the “Industry Innovation Award 2007” at the Greenfleet Awards and the “Highly Commended” award for Industry Innovation Design at the EAST Awards.

**Kay Chaldecott, Managing Director of Capital Shopping Centres comments;**

“We are always keen to introduce new methods of enhancing customer experience at our shopping centres and electric car chargers will not only provide a convenient new facility but will raise awareness of a greener method of transport.”

**Steve Beverley, Sustainable Travel Manager at Capital Shopping Centres says;**

“By supporting the required re-fuelling infrastructure for electric cars, motorists will feel more confident and comfortable in moving towards greener driving and reducing their CO2 emissions.”

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**Calvey Taylor-Haw, Managing Director of Elektromotive comments:**

“Electric vehicles and plug-in Hybrids are without doubt the way forward. With suitable battery technology now available, EV's will have a greater range, delivering a truly viable alternative to fossil fuelled cars. They are not only cheap to run but are quiet, clean and fun.”

**Peter Thorn, Head of Innovation and Partnerships at EDF Energy comments:**

“As concern for the environment grows, motorists are no longer only interested in what their car looks like, or how fast it can go. The research shows that drivers are increasingly demanding transport options that don't have such a detrimental effect on the world we live in”.

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**Capital Shopping Centres**

Capital Shopping Centres (“CSC”), part of FTSE 100 company Liberty International PLC, is the leading company in the UK specialising in the ownership, management and development of regional shopping centres. CSC's £6.5 billion portfolio at December 2007 comprises 14 of the UK's high quality shopping centres totalling over 12.6 million square feet with some 2,021 shops and stores attracting over 225 million customer visits a year.

More information can be sourced from our website [www.capital-shopping-centres.co.uk](http://www.capital-shopping-centres.co.uk)

**Elektromotive**

Elektromotive Ltd, formed four years ago, working with Littlehampton based Research and Development company, H -Technologies, has developed the world's first truly generic vehicle refuelling system for electric vehicles. The Elektromotive Elektrobay offers simple access for the user and is easily integrated into any parking bay.

For more information on the Elektrobay recharging system, call Elektromotive on 01273 704775 or e-mail <mailto:sales@elektromotive.co.uk> or [www.elektromotive.com](http://www.elektromotive.com)

**About EDF Energy**

EDF Energy is one of the UK's largest energy companies. We provide power to a quarter of the UK's population via our electricity distribution networks in London, the South East and the East of England. We supply gas and electricity to over 5 million customers and generate about 5GW of energy from our coal and gas power stations, as well as combined heat and power plants and wind farms.

EDF Group has been involved in the development of electric vehicles for many years and is now working closely with major car manufacturers to produce the future generation of plug-in hybrids. As an energy group, EDF is also closely involved in the development of a charging infrastructure. For further information log on to [www.edfenergy.co.uk/elektromotive](http://www.edfenergy.co.uk/elektromotive)

The partnership between EDF Energy and Elektromotive is committed to providing 250 electric vehicle recharging systems to encourage the development of a UK wide recharging infrastructure. The resulting aim of the scheme is to increase consumer confidence by making recharging posts readily available and to help people reduce the impact their driving has on the environment.

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