



Mission Alert



Balfour Beatty Plant & Fleet Services deliver the First All Electric Company Car to Balfour Beatty Engineering Services

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Christopher Morgan - Legal Director takes delivery of his company car from Balfour Beatty Plant & Fleet Services



What influenced you to choose the Nissan Leaf?

The Nissan Leaf is an everyday car but with a twist. Balfour Beatty Engineering Services (BBES) is at the forefront of the electrical industry and it's crucial that we utilise the new electrical technology as it becomes available. This seemed like a great opportunity to do just that. There was also the benefit of the company car tax exemption until 2014 as well.

What is the driving experience like?

"Absolutely fantastic – there is very little road noise and it is very quiet. You are also aware of the instant torque, but it is smooth and very easy to drive. There are two modes of drive, an ECO setting which recharges the battery as you brake and slow down and the other is the Drive setting which is more for motorway driving.

Do you have family members who travel in it? What do they think?

My seven year old daughter tells everyone that her Daddy has an electric car. My four year old just likes the colour! I think they like it!

How do you charge the car?

We have recently installed a charging point at our Head Office at Hillington near Glasgow and we plan to install further charge points at all our offices in the UK during 2012. At home, I plug the car in to the standard 13amp socket in the garage and can set the charging time to capture the cheapest electricity tariff over night. There is no need to visit petrol stations again!

How was your experience placing the order with Balfour Beatty Plant & Fleet Services?

The company car list was easy to follow, however, it may be worth listing the cars in terms of emissions encouraging users to select a low emission vehicle. The order process was simple and convenient and I was kept informed by the dealer.

Is this choice helping BBES to lead from the front with our Sustainability 2020 Vision?

Absolutely, its sending out the correct message to colleagues. BBES is already providing vehicle charging points for our customers and this demonstrates that we are committed to "greener

solutions" for our customers and our own business. In addition to this, as part of our Healthy Communities objectives, we are making available our charging point at Hillington to other businesses in the area to support the wider community.

Has the car sparked any interest and would you recommend it as a solution to others?

Huge interest from colleagues, friends and neighbours. Questions relating to the car's performance, range and overall convenience suggest that it would be worthwhile for BBPFS to compile a "FAQ Sheet" around the electric car. I am 100% confident to recommend - if it suits your lifestyle it's a perfect choice!"

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