

# Leicester electric

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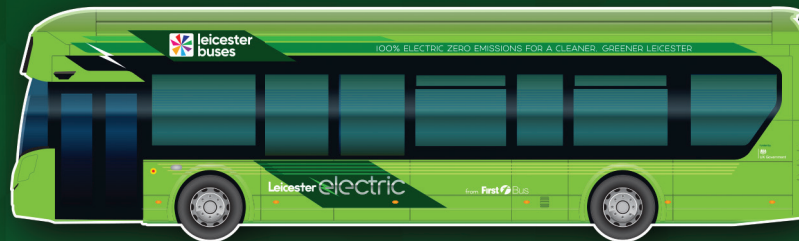
## Thank you for joining us at the depot of the future.

First Bus has committed to one of the most ambitious decarbonisation strategies not only in UK mobility, but in net zero transport today.

We are focused on First Bus becoming a leader in the transition to a low-carbon future and are committed to operating a UK-wide zero-emission bus fleet by 2035.

A total of £42m has been invested so far to bring this project to fruition, through First Bus investment and DfT funding in partnership with Leicester City Council.

The infrastructure within the site has been totally transformed and now has the latest state-of-the-art technology. We look forward to the project completing in June 2024 and excited to see a full fleet of EVs on the road.



I would like to thank all our partners who are involved in the project, as they all play a vital part in bringing their skills, knowledge, products and technology to transform the First Bus depot in Leicester.

## Zoe Hands

Managing Director

First Bus



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## THE PARTNERSHIP

- Leicester City Council's main role in this project was to secure matched funding of £15.82m towards the overall cost of 86 electric buses and its associated charging infrastructure.
- They lead and manage Leicester's successful Enhanced Bus Partnership Scheme, which aims to make the whole Leicester network electric by 2030. By the end of 2023, over a third of the network will be electric (138 buses) and will be used by over 50% of all passengers.
- The Partnership Scheme is also delivering a range of complementary projects designed to make bus travel more reliable, frequent, easy and great value – further improving the electric bus investment.
- All electric bus routes will have new bus shelters with real time information displays, additional enforced bus lanes and 'best fare' all-operator tap-on-tap-off ticketing. There will also be more all-operator tickets to assist interchange and discounted tickets aimed at students, the elderly, unemployed and disabled.
- Together, an optimised and co-ordinated network with integrated timetables has been agreed.
- All projects are completed on site, with the final 18 double deck vehicles on schedule to arrive in March 2024.

Read more about the partnership at [www.leicesterbuses.co.uk](http://www.leicesterbuses.co.uk)





# DEPOT INFRASTRUCTURE

Having first opened in May 2007, the Leicester depot moved from its long-standing home at Abbey Park Road into a new purpose-built depot. By incorporating the latest technology and systems, the new depot gave First Bus the opportunity to improve bus travel in the local communities of Leicester.

Over the years, we've seen many changes influenced by the local economy, social, technological and environmental factors – resulting in improvements to bus networks, ticketing, vehicle types and working conditions.

A total of £4.37m has been invested into the depot's infrastructure to support up to 86 EVs. This is made up of £4m ZEBRA 1 and £0.2m Solar PV project investment.

The works have brought significant power to the site from the local grid, ensuring we have enough both now and in the future.





## The Chargers

- Heliox are delighted to have been chosen as the partner to supply First Bus' Leicester depot with chargers, following successful commissioning at our York and Caledonia depots.
- Heliox have supplied 30 dual headed rapid 150kW chargers, 12 triple headed 180kW dynamic chargers and 2 mobile 40kW chargers to allow for the simultaneous charging of up to 86 electric vehicles.
- The rapid 150kW chargers are supplied with Autocharge and a contactless terminal, which are fully capable of charging all types of vehicles including buses, trucks, cars and vans. This solution means the depot can be used for business-to-business charging, providing much needed local charging infrastructure.
- The EV charging infrastructure is supported by a 15-year Service Level Agreement, ensuring a reliable and sustainable bus service for Leicester.

## Solar Panels

- 462 solar panels have been installed on the roof of the depot.
- The installation will be expected to generate a max of 188kW, delivering an expected 167,318kWh per annum\*.
- The system is expected to generate around 55% of the building's electricity requirements.
- Over the 25-year lifetime of the panels, we expect to save the equivalent of almost 400 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>.

\* *Figure based on electric usage from 21-22 financial year.*



# THE BUS

## Wrightbus Electroliner Kite and Electroliner Double Deck

It's time to set new sustainability standards with the newest addition to our fleet.

Wrightbus have supplied Leicester depot with 68 single-deck Electroliner Kite EV buses & 18 Electroliner Double Decks are on order. These vehicles will save over 60,000 tons of carbon emissions over their lifetime.

	Electroliner Kite	Electroliner Double Deck
<b>Length</b>	11,667mm	10,582mm
<b>Width</b>	2,520mm	2,520mm
<b>Height</b>	3,380mm	4,395mm
<b>Passenger Capacity</b>	40 seated (85 maximum). Including space for one class 2 mobility scooter or one wheelchair user.	74 seated (96 maximum). Including space for one class 2 mobility scooter or one wheelchair user.
	<i>DDA compliant with wide entrance door, ferry lift and kneeling function, ramp &amp; high proportion of low floor seating.</i>	
<b>Facilities</b>	LED lighting to reduce energy consumption. Advanced heating and air ventilation system with zero-emission heating. 'Next stop' audio and visual announcements, with an induction hearing loop at every wheelchair space and priority seat. USB charging points.	
<b>Battery</b>	Forsee Power. Battery capacity 340kWh.	
<b>Battery Charging</b>	CCS2.0 compliant Combo 2 Socket. Fast charging 2.5 hours @150kW plug in charge rate.	
<b>Vehicle Range</b>	Travel up to 150 miles* on a single charge, making it an excellent vehicle for intra-urban travel.	
	<i>* Subject to several factors e.g. passenger load, route gradients, ambient temperature, frequency of stops, wind speed, direction etc.</i>	







# THE NETWORK

First Bus is proud to play an important part in keeping Leicester moving, by providing a comprehensive network of bus services and offering a wide range of ticketing products to suit every travel need.

## We operate 18 bus services across Leicester, serving:

- Glenfield
- Eyres Monsell
- Thurnby Lodge
- New Parks
- Saffron Lane
- Thurmaston
- Braunstone Frith
- Leicester Royal Infirmary
- Rushey Mead
- Kirby Frith
- Highfields
- Mowmacre Hill
- Glenfield Hospital
- Goodwood
- Beaumont Leys
- Braunstone
- Netherhall
- Anstey and Birstall
- Beaumont Shopping Centre
- Leicester General Hospital

Around 66% of the network will be operated by the EVs following delivery of the ZEBRA 1 buses.





# Leicester city centre

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13W  
one journey  
mornings  
only

Leicester

Dane Hills

Westcotes

Wolsey Island

Spinney Hills

Highfields

Clarendon Park

Stoneygate

