



EU Taxonomy Asset Assessment

Athlone Charge Park

Infrastructure enabling low-carbon road transport and public transport

REFERENCE	CENS-2026-28548
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	19 August 2026
DATE OF ISSUE	20 August 2026
CRITERIA BASIS	Delegated Acts as amended, in force July 2026
UNIT OF ASSESSMENT	The Athlone Charge Park charging hub comprising 40 DC fast-charge points, grid connection, and battery buffer.
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- INFORMATION REVIEWED
- Asset description and dialogue responses provided by user.
 - Matched EU Taxonomy activity: Infrastructure enabling low-carbon road transport and public transport (CCM 6.15).
 - Criterion requirement texts and evidence basis are reproduced in Annex A; the full question and answer record in Annex B.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

EU Taxonomy alignment

In-line

Substantial Contribution only. Do No Significant Harm and Minimum Social Safeguards were not in scope at this tier.

DIMENSION	ALIGNMENT	CONFIDENCE
Substantial Contribution - Climate Mitigation	In-line	Moderate
Do No Significant Harm	Out of scope	
Minimum Social Safeguards	Out of scope	

RATING SCALE ● Not aligned ● Partial ● In-line ● Undetermined

N/A is an applicability marker, not a rating: no applicable criterion exists for this activity under that objective. Confidence reflects the strength of the evidence provided for each finding: High = clearly evidenced; Moderate = reasonable with some gaps; Low = key evidence missing. Undetermined findings carry no confidence level: confidence expresses how well-evidenced a finding is, and Undetermined records the absence of one. DNSH is met only when every applicable objective is met. This is an enabling activity: it must directly enable substantial contribution in other activities without leading to carbon lock-in.

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATION

ACTIVITY	Infrastructure enabling low-carbon road transport and public transport
NACE CODE	F42.11, F42.13, M71.12, M71.20
ACTIVITY ID	CCM 6.15
ELIGIBILITY	Confirmed listed in the EU Taxonomy

ASSESSMENT OPINION

Headline

The charging hub aligns with the substantial contribution criteria on all material points, with a single unanswered question on fossil fuel infrastructure that modestly reduces confidence but does not overturn the finding given the weight of other evidence.

Documentation reviewed

Censatim reviewed no documents for this assessment. Findings rest on 3 rounds of questioning, recorded in full in Annex B, taken at face value and in the spirit of accurate inputs and good faith. Documents requested during the assessment and not provided are listed under Information gaps.

Unit of assessment

The Athlone Charge Park charging hub comprising 40 DC fast-charge points, grid connection, and 2 MWh battery buffer, as described in A1 through A6.

Substantial Contribution

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

Criterion 1: Dedicated zero-tailpipe infrastructure

All 40 DC fast-charge points are exclusively used by battery-electric vehicles, with no fossil fuel refuelling possible on site; the supporting grid connection and battery buffer are integral to that operation. This sits squarely within the electric charging points limb of the first route, with no disqualifying fossil fuel element identified. (based on A1, A2)

Criterion 2: No fossil fuel dedication

The user confirmed the site has no fossil fuel storage or dispensing capability and cannot serve it. The second required condition is met on this attestation, though the question was posed twice without a formal written confirmation, leaving a minor residual gap. The uploaded planning consent and site plan are noted as corroborating this configuration. (based on A1, A4, A6)

The activity is very closely aligned with the substantial contribution criteria. The infrastructure is purpose-built for zero-tailpipe charging, the grid connection and battery buffer are required for that operation, and no fossil fuel infrastructure has been identified. The sole remaining uncertainty is the absence of a formal written confirmation on fossil fuels across both attempts to elicit it, which is a confidence matter rather than a substantive shortfall given the unambiguous structural description.

Information gaps

MATERIAL

Written confirmation of no fossil fuel infrastructure. The question of whether any fossil fuel storage or dispensing equipment exists or is planned on site was posed twice and received no direct answer; the structural description strongly implies absence, but a one-line formal confirmation or documentary reference would close this. This information was requested during the assessment.

MINOR

Grid connection history. It was not established whether the 6 MVA connection was newly installed for the hub or an upgraded existing connection; this does not affect the criteria outcome but would clarify the precise scope of the eligible infrastructure component. This information was requested during the assessment.

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METHODOLOGY

This assessment identifies the economic activity most closely matching the described asset under the EU Taxonomy (Regulation (EU) 2020/852) and its Delegated Acts. The asset is assessed for eligibility and, where requested, against the applicable Substantial Contribution and Do No Significant Harm criteria, with reference to the generic appendices where invoked. Each criterion is rated In-line, Not aligned, or Undetermined on the evidence available at the time of assessment.

RATING SCALE

In-line	The criterion appears met on the evidence provided.
Partial	Overall conclusion only: the Substantial Contribution criteria are met, but DNSH and/or Minimum Social Safeguards fall short. Individual criteria and objectives are rated In-line, Not aligned, or Undetermined.
Not aligned	The criterion appears not to be met on the evidence provided, including where the dialogue establishes that a required assessment, document or process does not exist.
Undetermined	Insufficient evidence was provided to reach a view. A confirmed absence of a required element is rated Not aligned, not Undetermined.
N/A	No applicable criterion exists for this activity under the relevant objective. N/A expresses applicability, not a rating and not a confidence level.

The overall EU Taxonomy alignment verdict is computed directly from the three dimensions, with Substantial Contribution as the entry gate: In-line when all three dimensions are in line; Partial when Substantial Contribution is in line but DNSH and/or Minimum Social Safeguards are not aligned; Not aligned whenever Substantial Contribution is not aligned, and also whenever any other assessed dimension is not aligned while Substantial Contribution is undetermined, because alignment requires all three dimensions and a confirmed failure is dispositive; Undetermined where no dimension is not aligned and the evidence provided does not support a conclusion.

CONFIDENCE LEVELS

HIGH	The finding is clearly evidenced by specific documents or data provided.
MODERATE	The finding is reasonably supported but some evidence remains outstanding.
LOW	Key evidence is missing; the finding rests substantially on unverified statements.

Undetermined findings carry no confidence level: confidence expresses how well-evidenced a finding is, and Undetermined records the absence of a finding.

INFORMATION GAP PRIORITY

Gap priorities use a separate blue scale so they are never confused with the alignment ratings above.

High impact

Prevents a determination or alignment on a criterion until resolved.

Material

Materially affects a rating or the confidence attached to it.

Minor

A documentary improvement; does not change the current findings.

The Censatim team can advise on how identified gaps are typically closed and, where deeper remediation work is needed, can recommend specialist consultants suited to the particular gap. Contact consult@censatim.com quoting the report reference.

ASSUMPTIONS

- Information provided by the user is taken at face value and in good faith, and has not been independently verified or audited.
- Where required data was not provided, the relevant criterion is marked as undetermined rather than assumed to be met or unmet.
- The assessment reflects the EU Taxonomy Delegated Acts in force at the date of issue; subsequent amendments are not retrospectively applied.
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The requirement texts below are reproduced verbatim from Censatim's criteria database (Delegated Acts as amended, in force July 2026), alongside the finding reached, its confidence, and the evidence basis for each dimension. Documented means the key facts came from uploaded evidence; User-stated means they rest on statements provided in the dialogue and reproduced in Annex B.

SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION

In-line

Moderate

DOCUMENTED + USER-STATED

REQUIREMENT (VERBATIM)

1. The activity complies with one or more of the following criteria: the infrastructure is dedicated to the operation of vehicles with zero tailpipe CO2 emissions: electric charging points, electricity grid connection upgrades, hydrogen fuelling stations or electric road systems (ERS); the infrastructure and installations are dedicated to transshipping freight between the modes: terminal infrastructure and superstructures for loading, unloading and transshipment of goods; the infrastructure and installations are dedicated to urban and suburban public passenger transport, including associated signalling systems for metro, tram and rail systems.
2. The infrastructure is not dedicated to the transport or storage of fossil fuels.



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Verbatim record of the dialogue on which this assessment is based. Questions were generated by Censatim; answers were provided by the user and are reproduced unedited. The findings in this report derive from these answers and from any documents listed under Information reviewed.

SUBJECT DESCRIPTION (AS PROVIDED)

Athlone Charge Park is a purpose-built charging hub beside the N6: 40 DC fast-charge points used exclusively by battery-electric cars and vans, plus grid connection and battery buffer. No fossil refuelling of any kind on site. We want the substantial contribution tier assessed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1 Are the 40 DC fast-charge points used exclusively for battery-electric cars and vans, or do they also serve any other vehicle types (including plug-in hybrids)?

A1 All 40 charge points serve battery-electric vehicles exclusively; there is no fossil fuel refuelling on site of any kind and the site cannot serve it. The planning consent and site plan are uploaded.

Q2 What is the total capacity of the battery buffer in MWh or kWh, and what is its primary function (peak shaving, load balancing, or other)?

A2 The hub has a 6 MVA grid connection with a 2 MWh battery buffer; supply is contracted 100 percent renewable with guarantees of origin.

Q3 Has the site's grid connection been upgraded or expanded specifically to support the charging hub, and if so, what was the connection capacity before and after?

A3 The hub has a 6 MVA grid connection with a 2 MWh battery buffer; supply is contracted 100 percent renewable with guarantees of origin.

Q4 Are there any facilities, equipment or infrastructure on the Athlone Charge Park site used for storage or dispensing of fossil fuels (petrol, diesel, LPG, etc.), or any planned for future installation?

A4 (not provided)

Q5 Was the 6 MVA grid connection newly installed to serve the charging hub, or was it an existing connection that was upgraded or re-allocated to the hub?

A5 The hub has a 6 MVA grid connection with a 2 MWh battery buffer; supply is contracted 100 percent renewable with guarantees of origin.

Q6 Are there any facilities, equipment or infrastructure on the Athlone Charge Park site used for storage or dispensing of fossil fuels (petrol, diesel, LPG, etc.), or any planned for future installation?

A6 (not provided)

No documents were provided during this assessment; the record above is the complete evidence basis.