



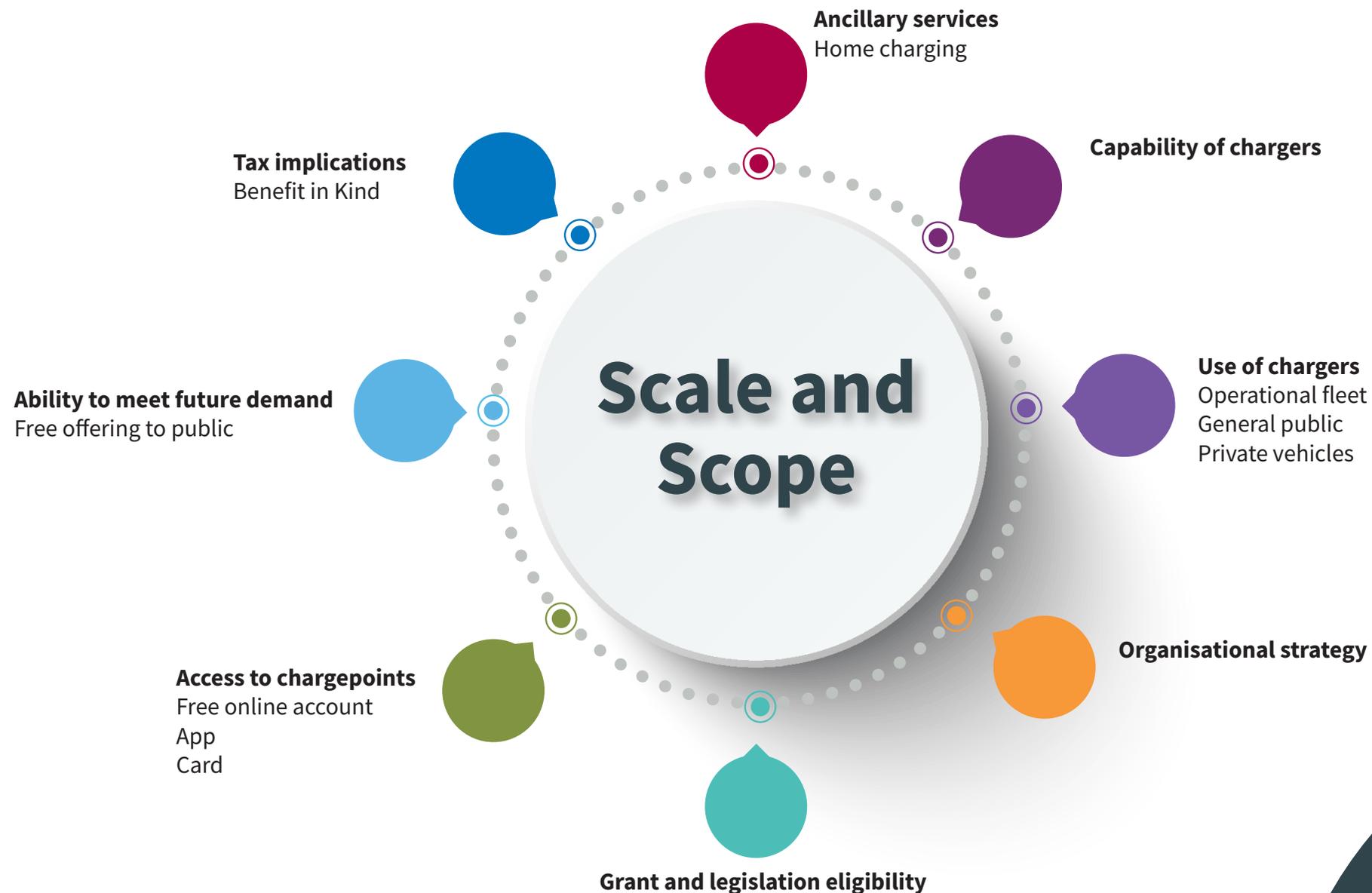
VCIS Buyer Considerations



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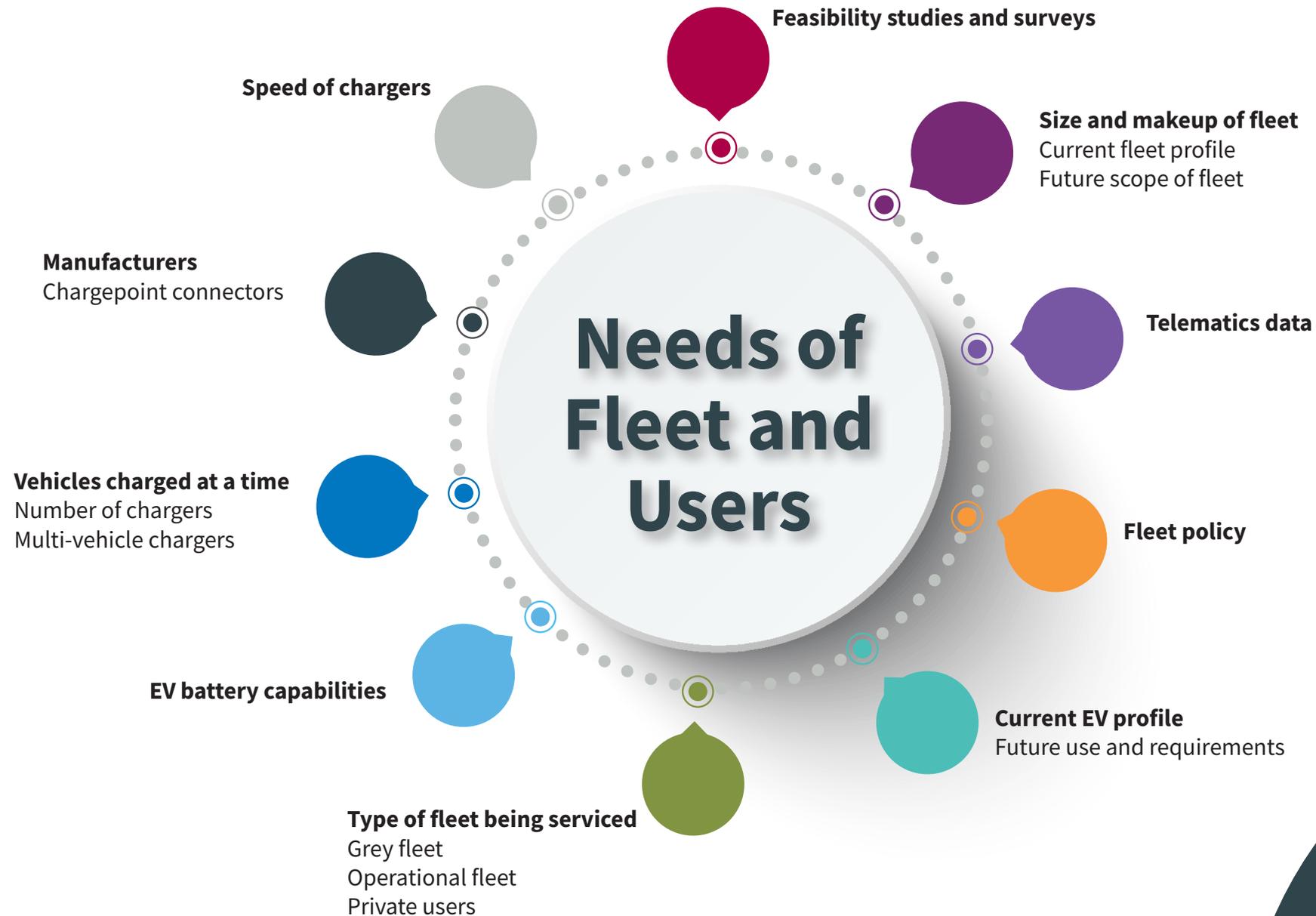
Before you start your journey to ultra low emission vehicles, for example electric vehicles or hybrids. There are various considerations that we recommend you review before running a call off competition from the [Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Solutions agreement \(RM6213\)](#)

First, you should consider the scale and scope of the infrastructure you want to procure to ensure that it is going to meet the short, medium and long term needs of your organisation and users



Once the scale and scope of your infrastructure requirements have been considered, the needs of your fleet and that of the infrastructure's users should be considered. This will ensure that your planned vehicle charging infrastructure solutions are fit for purpose.

Access to [CCS Fleet agreements](#) and the interactive [Fleet Portal](#) can help you understand what support and fleet options are available.



Once your organisation and user needs are understood you need to understand what funding options are available to you and how the charging infrastructure will be funded throughout its lifecycle. [The Office for Low Emission Vehicles](#) will be able to provide you with insight into what grants are available to help support your transition to electric vehicles.

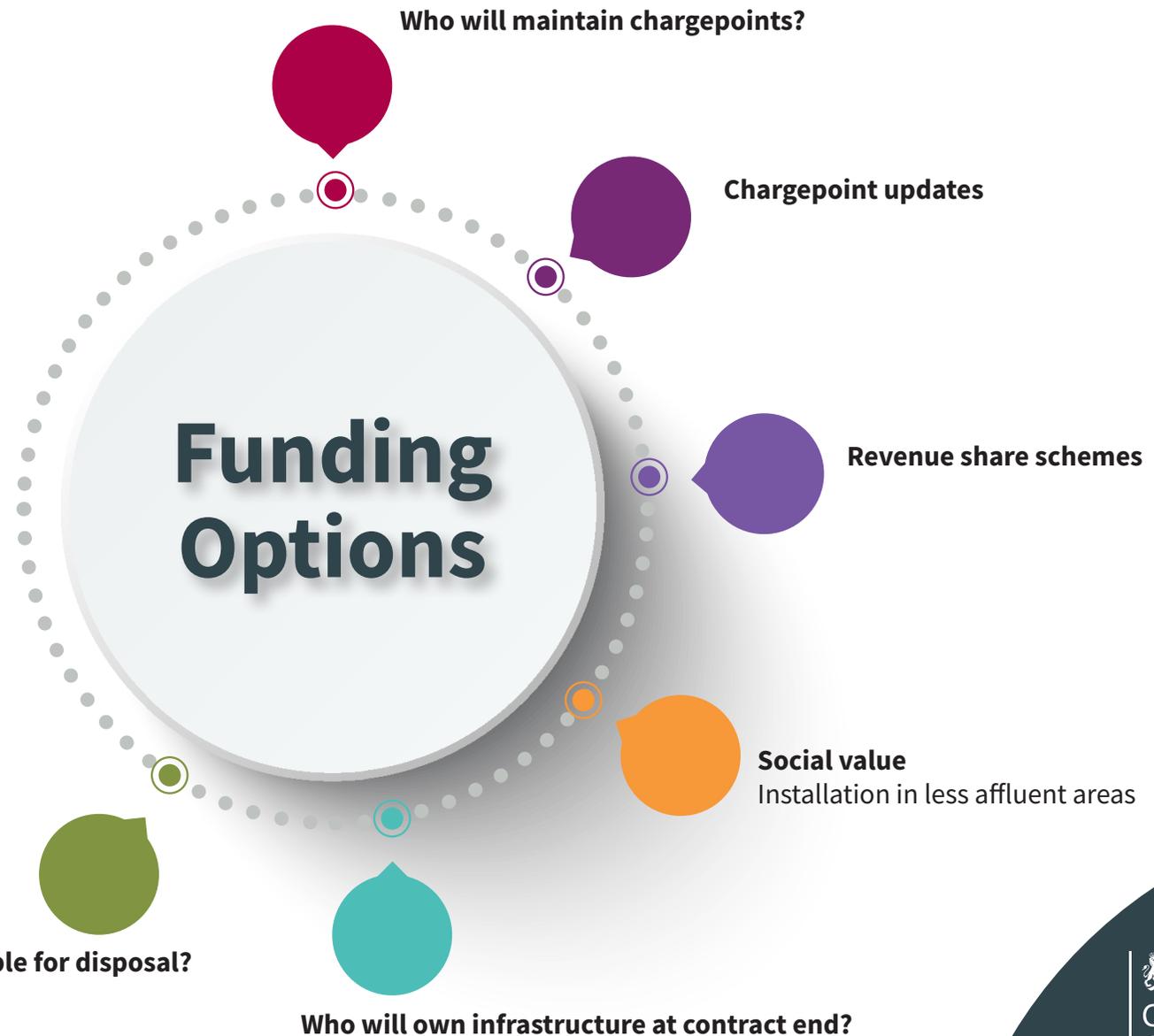
Our agreement offers access to two funding options to ensure your needs are met:

Buyer funded vehicle charging infrastructure

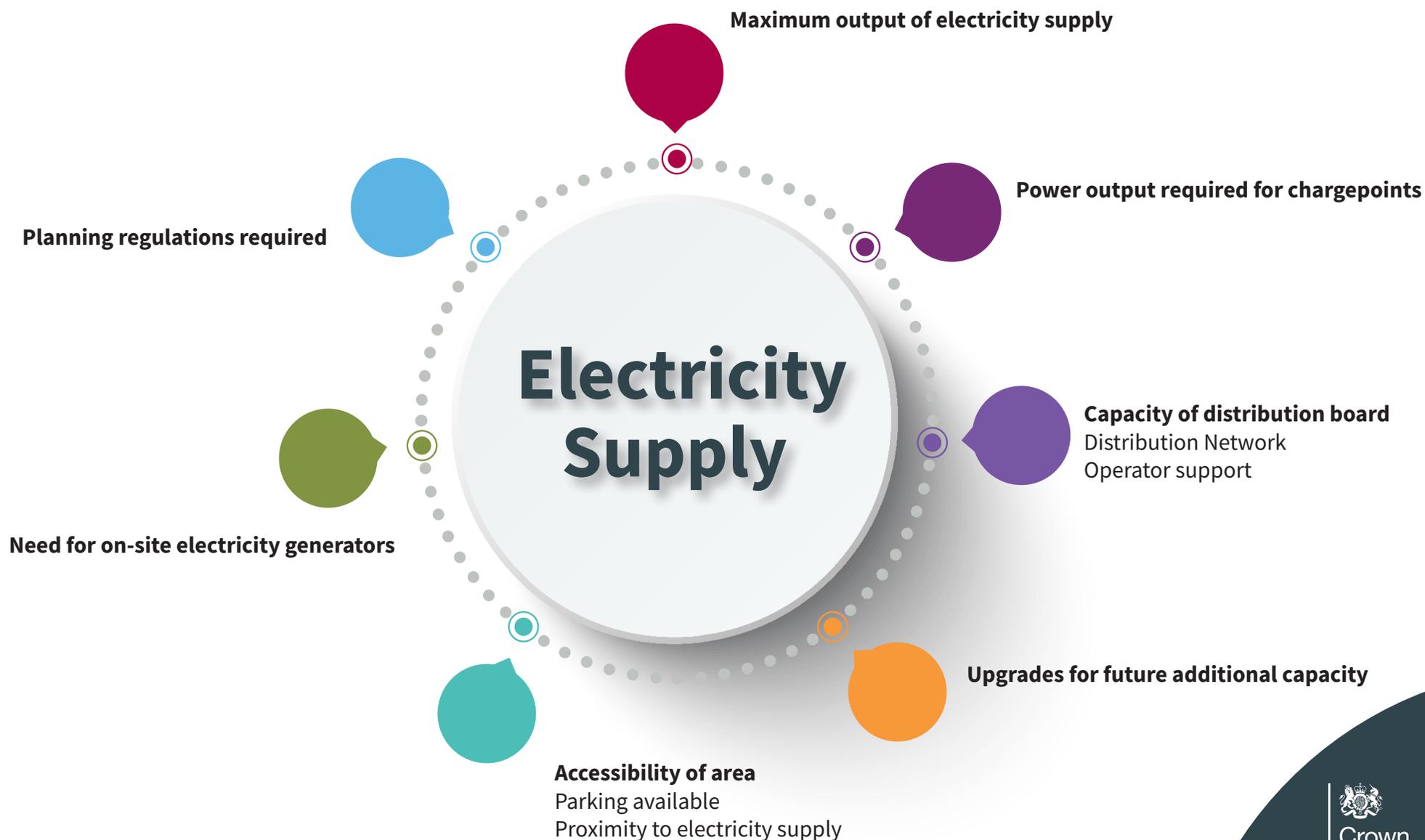
This funding option can include financial support through grants available but overall the infrastructure will be funded by the buying organisation's efforts

Supplier Funded models

This funding option implements a contract with the supplier whereby they supply, operate and maintain vehicle charging infrastructure over an agreed period of time.



Once you have established how your infrastructure will be funded throughout its lifecycle, your current and future electricity supply will need to be considered. You will need to ensure that your supply can meet the current and future demands of your infrastructure. [The National Grid webpage](#) will be able to confirm who your distribution network operator is if you need further support.



Once you know your current and future demands are going to be supported by the electricity supply, it's time to consider the software and back office solutions you need including the levels of support and maintenance your infrastructure will require.

Software and Back Office Solutions

Information and data required

Energy consumption
CO2 emissions
Statistics

Disposal of assets at end of life

Ongoing maintenance

Smart systems

Payment method
Data collection

Updates to chargepoint tech

Interoperability and future proofing

Once you have generally considered these elements you will have a better idea about what you require ahead of your tender.

Further details can be found in our [Key Considerations document](#).