



## Tradelines 2 August

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The UK's first Centre of Excellence for low carbon technologies will manage the **National Chargepoint Registry** (NCR), working in partnership with green energy software systems specialist Apetrel Systems and funded by the UK government's Office for Low Emission Vehicles.

The upgrades to the NCR will help to ensure that the information on chargepoints in the UK is accurate and up-to-date, and will allow developers to build mapping and journey planning applications using the best available data.

BP is talking to electric car makers about installing charging points on its forecourts, weeks after Shell started trials.

Reuters reported yesterday that oil companies are becoming concerned petrol and diesel fuel sales could top inside three years as evs gather momentum and emissions taxes bite into fossil fuels.

Ferrari is rumoured to be looking at a new type of model for its range.

The four-seater is being considered to take on the likes of high-end SUVs from Maserati, Bentley and Lamborghini from 2021, and internally it's being dubbed a "Ferrari utility vehicle".

PSA has completed its acquisition of Opel and Vauxhall.

The deal was revealed in March but had to undergo due diligence study and the new venture will create Europe's second biggest car maker behind Volkswagen.



Businesses running light commercial vehicle fleets are potentially missing significant opportunities for “rightsizing” with 83% of those who acquired a van in the last 12 months simply replacing it with one of the same size.

Eight per cent of those surveyed opted for a van that was bigger while 7% went for smaller – well below the level of change that would be expected from a typical fleet optimisation consultancy exercise. The figures were largely the same for all sizes of fleet.

A customer satisfaction survey by pollsters Engine puts the automotive sector in third place, from the bottom of businesses.

It is better than public transport and insurance but below mobile telecoms, broadband and pay-TV providers with restaurants and hotels performing four times better at the top of the table.

Britain’s premier meeting on low carbon technologies is lining up speakers for its conference in September.

Konstanze Scharring, Policy Director of the Society for Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and Graham Hoare, Chair of the Technology Group of the Automotive Council and Ford Motor Company’s Director of Global Vehicle Evaluation and Verification, will be among the keynote speakers celebrating the progress of the UK’s low emissions vehicle market at the 10th annual Low Carbon Vehicle (LCV) Event this year. LCV2017 is taking place 6-7 September 2017, at Millbrook in Bedfordshire.