

POWER



There is often not only a large choice of used cars available for sale in terms of volume, but there is also a decision to be made in terms of how a vehicle is **powered** to best meet your needs, i.e. a petrol or diesel model, a self-charging or plug-in hybrid, or a battery-driven car i.e. an EV.



"Think about how you will use the car and the running costs, which will help you decide the optimum source of power, whether this is conventional fuel or batteries (fully electric)"



KEY FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

- How, and where will you use the car? (e.g. urban v rural)
- How far will you be travelling on average? (e.g. commuting / leisure)
- What is your budget, as hybrids and EVs may be more expensive to buy?
- Do you have somewhere to charge an EV or a plug-in hybrid?
- Are you after a car that offers less maintenance (e.g. engine v electric motors)?
- What are the overall running costs? (e.g. fuel, charging, tax, insurance)?
- Is one your priorities to reduce your environmental impact?
- If opting for a diesel car, will you be doing regular and sufficiently long journeys to ensure the diesel particulate filter (DPF) stays clear of soot and particulate build-up?