



Lotus Cars has launched its brand new Evora GT4 Concept at the Shanghai Auto Show 2019

Picture: LOTUS CARS

# New electric supercar is unveiled by Lotus

**Lotus Cars has announced its first all-new sports car in more than a decade, which is set to become the first all-electric hypercar from a British manufacturer.**

A concept for the first fully electric British supercar, the Type 130, will be the first production for the sports car company, based in Hethel, since 2008. Chief executive Phil Popham said: "Type 130 will be the most dynamically accomplished Lotus in our history.

"It marks a turning point for our brand and is a showcase of what we are capable of and what is to come from Lotus."

The first glimpse of the new vehicle was revealed at the Shanghai International Auto Show 2019.

The new vehicle could hail a new generation of Lotus motor cars. "It's a statement of intent: electric is part of the strategy going forward," said Mr Popham. "For Lotus it has to be all about the driving experience – and electric will drive the value of every car we make."

Just scant details of the new car have been released although it is said to be in 'advanced stages

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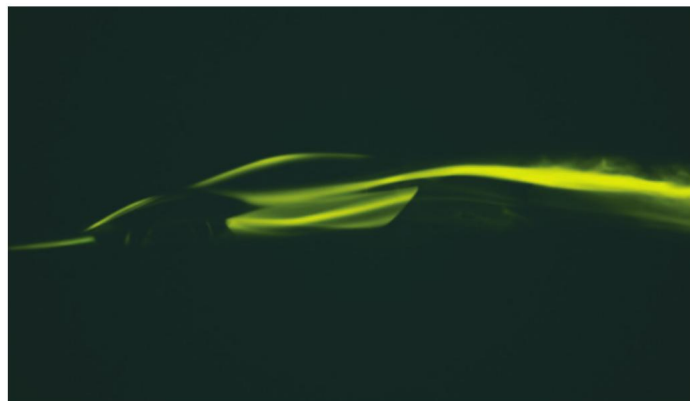
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of development."

A physical representation of the car will be revealed along with its full specification later this year. Production numbers are expected to be low although there has been interest already from buyers.

The car company also launched its latest brand new motorsport entry at the show, the Evora GT4

Concept, which was developed and prepared in Hethel. Mr Popham said: "Lotus as a brand was born from the thrill of competition, and the Evora GT4 Concept will continue that legacy while opening up a new chapter in our racing experience. All of our cars retain motorsport within their DNA, and almost every road car in the company's history has raced successfully at some point. It's the philosophy that Colin Chapman founded Lotus on, and that we proudly continue to this day."



The only image revealed from Lotus today depicting the new electric supercar

## news

### Notre Dame

**Following the devastating fire at Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral, Catholics across East Anglia are showing their solidarity with those involved.**

The 850-year-old cathedral was engulfed by flames on Monday evening which brought down its spire and roof.

Bishop of East Anglia Alan Hopes said the tragedy was particularly poignant, coming as Christians prepare for the solemn celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

"The prayers and thoughts of Catholics in East Anglia are with the people of France and those French citizens who live and worship in our diocese," he said.



The blaze at Notre Dame Cathedral  
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"This building has been a powerful symbol of the Christian faith not just in France but around the world and we all share in their sadness."

The diocese has links with Notre Dame including the high school and independent prep school in Norwich and several parish churches named after Our Lady (Notre Dame).



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### Inquest

**A 30-year-old woman from Norwich who feared she may face a prison sentence took her own life, an inquest has heard.**

Kayleigh Freezer, who lived in Pennyroyal, was found unresponsive in her home on November 19.

At an inquest into her death yesterday, Norfolk Coroner's

Court heard evidence from Miss Freezer's mother, police officers who attended her address on November 19 and health professionals who assessed Miss Freezer in the months before her death.

Closing the inquest, Yvonne Blake, area coroner for Norfolk, said there was "no evidence" Miss Freezer suffered from a

serious mental illness.

Giving a conclusion of suicide, she said it was "possible" someone going through what Miss Freezer was going through "would be anxious and depressed", and if Miss Freezer had not been "so terrified" about going to prison "there may have been a very different outcome".

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