

FOOTWAY PARKING PROVISION

Footway parking is two distinct issues:

- 1. Unregulated parking that we need to enforce as its illegal parking.**
- 2. The installation of regulated footway parking bays designed to increase parking capacity in certain areas.**

Part 1

- The legislation as it relates to footway parking contraventions (Traffic Management Act 2004 & GLC General Powers Act 1974)
- Enforcement by foot patrols and CCTV mobile enforcement of footway parking contraventions in compliance of the above legislation. Footway parking contraventions are considered a 'serious' contravention by the Department for Transport (DfT) and as such, a higher Penalty Charge Notice rate is applied.

Part 2

- Not all footways and/or carriageways are suitable for footway parking.
- The surface must be of a suitable strength (pavement slabs are not suitable because they break up easily), in a safe location (ie not at a junction), ideally be compliant of the DfT's mobility inclusion guidance (although this is not the case in many of our footway parking areas as they were implemented in a rather ad hoc fashion pre 2005, however the Highways Team are working to a more compliant design specification when undertaking their current footway renewals work programme).
- We have been surveying some areas of the borough to ascertain defective lines and will be looking to have a cyclical maintenance programme brought forward sometime this year.
- The increase in demand for footway parking, such as new car ownership, is shrinking available kerb space for parking and where this happens in a narrow road it can compromise the width of the carriageway and therefore necessitate footway parking.
- New dropped kerbs can eat in to existing footway bays as the existing footway bay has to be terminated each side of the dropped kerb.
- Both regulated signage and lineage is required to denote footway parking bays.
- We no longer put bays across dropped kerbs as some motorists see that as an invitation to obstruct that residents' off-street access. However, the resident of that property can park across their access or allow someone else to if they so wish. If not, then we can enforce that vehicle parking obstructively.
- We are progressing a consistent policy in respect of the management of footway parking that meets the DfT guidance, protects our footways from damage and manages the on-going maintenance of the said footway bays in a clearly defined programme of works