

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Review – School Parking

Enforcement – technical note

The Council's Enforcement Service operate two Enforcement Officer Agencies:

- **Civil Enforcement Officer**

Enforce parking regulations both on street and off street car parks. They operate mainly around town centres and at schools.

- **Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer**

Enforcement of on street parking regulations, abandoned vehicles. They operate in all locations across the Borough and are mobile as well as on foot, it should be noted they are not a response service but do operate reactively as well as proactively.

What can be enforced in terms of school parking:

- **School zig zags**

Parking on school zig zags is an immediate offence with both CEOs and NEOs able to issue immediate Penalty Charge Notices for vehicles. School zig zags are only permitted to be introduced at the entrances to schools (vehicle and pedestrian).

- **Single and double yellow lines**

Parking on single and double yellow lines requires a period of observation or 'grace' period of 10 minutes. This means that the CEO or NEO is required to observe the vehicle for this time and can only issue a PCN if the vehicle is parked here for longer than the observation period. Disabled blue badge holders are permitted to park on single and double yellow lines unless loading restrictions are in place.

- **Obstruction/indiscriminate/inconsiderate parking**

In the opinion of a CEO or NEO if a vehicle is parked in such a manner to cause obstruction or be inconsiderate then the Officer is permitted to issue an Immediate Removal Notice. This means the vehicle must be immediately removed or the Council can remove the vehicle from the highway. The reality at schools is that the notices are issued but the removal operator is not approached as the vehicle is likely to be removed in a short time period. The purpose of issuing the notice is to educate motorists.