

# Parking Issues

How to deal with inconsiderate parking.

With 42% of households within East Anglia owning more than one car, many households don't have the luxury of space to park their vehicles. Add into the mix narrow roads, turning areas, dropped kerbs, parking restrictions, delivery vehicles, buses, taxis, etc; situations involving parked vehicles are likely to occur.

Unfortunately, **South Norfolk Council has no powers to deal with these issues**. This leaflet provides guidance on what to do in those situations, and who to contact.

## Parking in a Restricted Area/Illegal Parking

A vehicle can only be illegally parked if there are on-street parking restrictions in operation at that location. There are two types:

- **Prohibited parking** – this is where there are yellow lines or clearway restrictions in operation
- **Permitted Parking** - this is where there are meter bays or resident bays permits in operation.

If a vehicle is parked on yellow lines – double or single – please report this to the Civil Enforcement Officers via email at [ketteringhamadmin@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ketteringhamadmin@s-norfolk.gov.uk)

If a vehicle is parked in a restricted parking zone without a permit, or has parked for too long in a restricted time area, please check the street signs for information on who to report this to.



## Inconsiderate parking

This is a common problem in all our towns and villages. You have no legal entitlement to be able to park on a public road directly outside your house and so anyone may park outside your property, providing there are no restrictions in place, e.g. yellow lines or permit parking - if that is the case, please see above.

It is **not illegal** for vehicles to:

- Park in turning circles
- Park immediately before or after a dropped kerb
- Park opposite a dropped kerb or driveway entrance
- Take up too much space
- Park in other inconsiderate ways.

If you are experiencing inconsiderate parking, you will need to speak to the owner of the vehicle directly to find a solution. Visit our website on tips for dealing with an inconsiderate neighbour.

## Vehicles that block a driveway

If a vehicle has parked across a dropped kerb and this prevents you from accessing your driveway with a car or bike, then this may be an offence of wilful obstruction (Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980) and **this can be reported to the Police using the 101 service.**

## Vehicles parked on a footpath and/or causing an obstruction

There is no national prohibition against parking on a pavement, except for heavy commercial vehicles, and there are also restrictions for cars in London unless there are yellow lines on the road next to the pavement when this is an offence and a Penalty Charge Notice could be issued. However, it is an offence under Section 72 of the Highways Act 1935 to drive onto the pavement, whether with the intention to park or not.

This could also be considered as an offence of wilful obstruction (Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980). Both these offences are criminal offences and should be reported to your **local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/your-area>** or if there is a more urgent need for the police to attend, please call 101.

**Exceptions to the rules stated on this leaflet apply to disabled badge holders, For more information visit the government website.**