

Footway Crossing Policy & Information for Applicants

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Statutory Requirements for Footway Crossing

If residents wish to drive across the footway to gain access to park on their property, they are required under **Section 184 of the Highways Act 1980** to have an authorised vehicle access crossing constructed by the local authority known as a **footway crossing**.



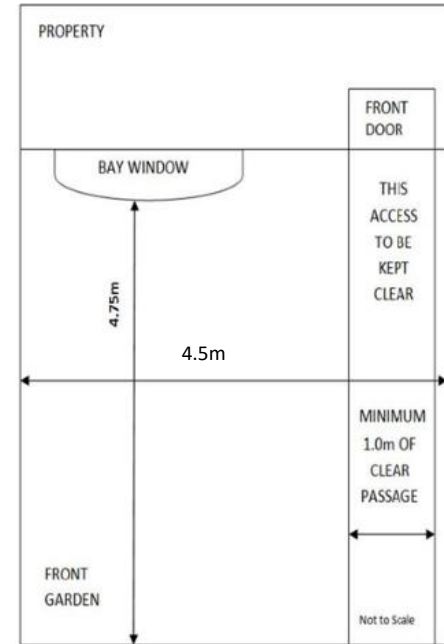
Issues to Consider

In setting the minimum requirements for a footway crossing application, the Council needs to consider the following;

- Safe entry to and exit from premises;
- Passage of vehicular traffic on the highway network;
- Safe pedestrian passage including prevention of obstruction;
- Environmental issues e.g trees & green spaces.

Minimum Dimensional Requirements

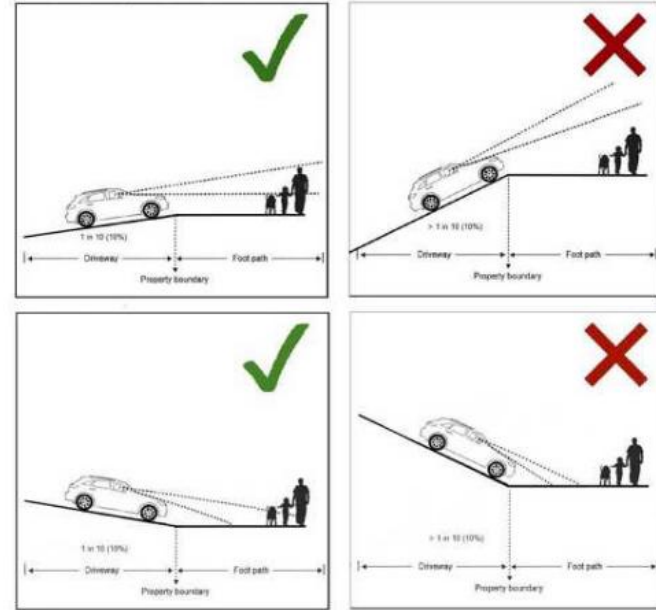
- Footway crossing installations will only be allowed where the frontage depth is a minimum of 4.75m and width is at least 4.5m wide allowing parking at right angles to the carriageway only.
- Parallel parking is not permitted.



Plan – Min. dimensional requirements

Footway Crossing Gradient

- On safety grounds, a footway crossing will not be allowed where the parking area within 5m of the rear of footway is of greater gradient than 1 in 10 (10%).



Planning Permission Requirements

- Planning permission is also required to build a footway crossing if the application is for;
 - A flat or flats, maisonette, a house multiple occupancy with more than 6 rooms or any other building that is not a dwelling house;
 - A listed building;
 - A property served by a classified road;
 - A property within conservation area;
 - where a grass verge that is not part of the highway that has to be crossed.

The Policy provides;

- The fee structure for the works including;
 - Breakdown of charges
 - Discount for disabled applicants
 - Where programmed footway/ resurfacing reconstruction are undertaken, householders without a vehicle crossing will be given the opportunity to have one standard crossing constructed during the works at a reduced cost
- Approach to obstructions e.g trees, street lighting columns, road signs, traffic signals, road humps etc.;
- A detailed assessment process for the trees affected by the footway crossing works;
- Approach to enforcement.

Enforcement Issues

- A crossing is deemed unauthorised where it is either:
 - a) of unknown construction (constructed without consent); or
 - b) not constructed (i.e. residents are driving over the existing pavement).

The policy sets out the approach to the overall enforcement and contains a risk matrix and scoring system to assist in prioritisation of formal enforcement action against unauthorised footway crossings.