

Appendix 2 - WARD COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION

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Subject: Dropped Kerb Policy Consultation

Dear Colleague

Representations regarding vehicles overhanging the footway have been received from a wide range of sources including Members of Parliament, Councillors, residents and community groups. (Some examples of poor parking, complaints and the list of roads affected are attached).

In order for a dropped kerb footway crossing installation to take place, a depth of at least 4.75m between the back of the footway and front of the building is required to allow off-road parking at right angles to the carriageway.

To promote the Council's policy to encourage vehicle owners to park off the road, trials have taken place on certain roads allowing parking parallel to the carriageway where frontages are less than 4.75m. The number of applications on these roads has exceeded expectations and has led to complaints as vehicles overhang the footway obstructing pedestrians. Also, concerns raised that on-road parking is being reduced disproportionately causing arguments between neighbours. This has resulted in those residents without a dropped kerb having less chance of finding a parking space on their road.

Following these concerns, trials have been suspended to allow a revision of the policy relating to dropped kerb footway crossing installations. The policy needs to be clear and robust and must consider pedestrian safety as a priority. Effects on existing on street parking facilities must also be taken into account.

I believe this can be facilitated by adopting the following policy when deciding if a dropped kerb footway crossing can be installed:-

- **Dropped kerbs footway crossing installations will only be allowed where the frontage depth is 4.75m and width is at least 4.6m wide allowing parking at right angles to the carriageway only. All dropped kerb crossings meeting the required dimensions would still only be accepted if requirements relating to visibility, safety and having no negative impact on existing parking facilities on the highway, are met.**
- **All walls and fences must be removed and a hard standing built to enable the parking of a vehicle on the curtilage before the dropped kerb crossing can be built.**
- **Planning permission will be required on all classified roads, roads in conservation areas, multiple occupation properties and commercial properties.**

I would be grateful if you could let have any comments regarding this proposal no later than **28 February 2018**.

Regards

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