

Changes to parking enforcement

As of 31 March 2008, the Borough Council have to comply with new Department of Transport parking regulations which are effective throughout the country.

The main effect of this will be the level of penalty charge notices (PCNs). Currently the notices issued by the council are £60 (£30 if paid within 14 days).

As of 31st March 2008 the Council will be issuing two different levels of PCNs. For example, a vehicle parked on a yellow line restriction will be issued a PCN at the High Level rate of £70 (£35 if paid within 14 days) whilst a vehicle parked over time in a car park is not deemed to be as serious a contravention and will therefore be issued with a PCN at the Low Level rate of £50 (£25 if paid within 14 days).

The following list details the contraventions together with the penalty charge level:

ON-STREET CONTRAVENTION	HIGH LEVEL PENALTY CHARGE (£70)	LOW LEVEL PENALTY CHARGE (£50)
Parked on a single or double yellow line	•	
Parked on single or double yellow lines where loading/unloading is not permitted	•	
Parked in a residents bay without displaying a valid permit	•	
Re-parked in same parking place within 'no return' time		•
Parked incorrectly within markings of parking bay		•
Parked in a loading bay without loading	•	
Parked more than 50cm from edge of carriageway (double parking)	•	
Parked adjacent to a dropped kerb	•	
Parked for longer than permitted		•
Parked in a disabled bay without displaying a valid badge	•	
Parked on a taxi rank	•	
Stopped on a restricted bus stop/stand	•	
Stopped in a restricted area outside a school	•	
Stopped on zigzag markings at a pedestrian crossing	•	

CAR PARK (OFF-STREET) CONTRAVENTION	HIGH LEVEL PENALTY CHARGE (£70)	LOW LEVEL PENALTY CHARGE (£50)
Parked for longer than permitted		•
Parked in a restricted area of a car park	•	
Parked after expiry of 'pay and display' ticket		•
Parked without displaying a 'pay and display' ticket		•
Parked in a permit bay without displaying a valid permit	•	
Parked beyond the bay markings (out of bay)		•
Parked in a disabled bay without displaying a valid badge	•	
Parked in a car park not designated for that class of vehicle	•	
Parked causing an obstruction	•	

For additional information regarding the changes being implemented due to the Traffic Management Act, please contact the Parking Control Team on 01256 845775