

Moving towards enforcement of new pavement parking rules

The council is taking steps towards the enforcement of pavement parking rules which will begin in January and will send out letters to residents in certain streets in the next few days.

The Scottish Government has enacted legislation which means it is now illegal to park on pavements, double park, park at pedestrian crossings and dropped kerbs or park on road verges between roads and pavements. Edinburgh will be the first city to implement the new rules. Read the new rules below [and also here](#).

Cllr Scott Arthur, Transport and Environment Convener, said: "Implementing these new parking restrictions will help to make Edinburgh's roads and pavements accessible for all. By making sure our footways are kept clear and safe we can support those who are disproportionately affected get around the city, this includes parents with pushchairs, older people, those with visual impairments and wheelchair users.

"I am proud that all of Edinburgh's five political parties supports a full ban, with no streets being exempt. Our rapid implementation of the powers to their full extent reflects our determination to make Edinburgh a more equal city. I hope other local authorities the length and breadth of Scotland will follow Edinburgh.

“Of course, we are aware that there may be some impacts on the road network once the ban is in place, which is why officers have carried out a rigorous assessment of streets across the city to ascertain the likelihood they will be affected. Now we’re writing to properties where pavement parking is common to make sure they’re well prepared and informed ahead of the change.

“Once enforcement starts we’ll be closely monitoring these streets, and are ready to introduce targeted interventions such as double-yellow lines where necessary.”



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