

## **NEW PARKING CONTRAVENTIONS**

### **DOUBLE PARKING AND PARKING ADJACENT TO A DROPPED FOOTWAY**

The legislation of the Traffic Management Act 2004 introduces two new parking contraventions of 'double parking' and 'parking adjacent to a dropped footway'. Bolton Council will commence enforcement of the new contraventions in **July 2013**.

**Double parking** applies when a vehicle is parked 50cm or more from the edge of carriageway, unless the vehicle is wholly within a marked parking bay. It is normally defined as parking alongside another parked car, on the same side of the road, but it can also mean parking a long way from the kerb so that the car may cause an obstruction to passing traffic or restrict traffic movement.

**Parking adjacent to a dropped footway** applies when a vehicle parks on the carriageway next to a place where the footway, cycle track or verge has been lowered to the level of the carriageway (or where the carriageway has been raised to the level of the footway, cycle track or verge). Such parking causes considerable inconvenience for people trying to cross the road, in particular those pushing prams or using wheelchairs or mobility vehicles.

**Examples** of where these contraventions regularly occur include Trinity Street outside the Railway Station, Deane Road, Derby Street and St Helens Road. Please note that enforcement will not be restricted to only the above locations and will take place wherever the contravention occurs.

The above contraventions attract the higher level of penalty charge which currently stands at £70, discounted to £35 if payment is received within 14 days of issue.

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