

Submission from Bryan Rynne

I am writing regarding the 'Footpath Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill'. My view of the footpath parking aspect of this bill is that it will cause an immense amount of inconvenience to a large number of people to tackle something that does not seem to be a widespread problem. There are large numbers of residential areas around the country where the road is too narrow for cars to park without putting a wheel on the pavement (to avoid obstructing the road). This causes no problems for people walking past (I walk regularly in such areas and there is usually ample room for pedestrians). Preventing people parking in such a manner would cause a lot of people a great deal of inconvenience (where are they going to park?), and seems to serve no, or very little, purpose.

If parking on the pavement is causing a significant problem in a specific location then this can surely be dealt with in the normal way that problematic parking is usually dealt with - yellow lines! Why do we need a blanket ban on something that is often necessary and which causes no problems, simply to deal with isolated problems?

There are large areas of residential streets where putting a wheel on the kerb is necessary to park and causes no problems. Sending police and parking wardens round these areas to tackle a non-problem would be a grotesque waste of time and money, and cause nothing but inconvenience to the residents.