

Submission from Richard Toleman

As a pedestrian, cyclist and a volunteer that helps blind people, I have widespread experience with obstructive parking on footpaths. Most is thoughtless, careless or selfish. There needs to be no ambiguity with parking, stopping or waiting on footpaths and no allowance for short term waiting. The presence of a vehicle on a footpath should constitute an offence unless there is a specified need as described by the local authority eg emergency, road repairs. Ambiguity allows abuse. Precise description that excludes all on footpath parking, stopping or waiting allows effective control.