



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

A new law about parking

What do you think?



Please tell us what you think by
Friday 6th November 2015





Some people want to make a new law about parking.



They have written down what they think should be in the new law.

The new law is not official yet.
It has to go through lots of stages before it is official.



The Scottish Parliament are looking at the law just now.
They are looking to see if the law is OK or if they need to change it.



The Scottish Parliament want to know what people think about the law.

The new law is called the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill.

What is in this document

- Why some people want to make a new law about parking
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Why some people want to make a new law about parking



At the moment some drivers park on the pavement.
This makes it hard for people to walk on the pavement if there is not enough space.



Some drivers park in front of a dropped kerb.
A dropped kerb is where the pavement dips down.
This makes it hard for people who use a wheelchair or a pram to cross the road.



Some drivers park too far away from the pavement.
This is called double parking.
This can be dangerous or get in the way of other drivers.



At the moment the laws about parking are not very clear.
Some people want to make a new law that says parking like this is against the law.
They want drivers who park like this to pay a fine.

What the new law says

The new law says...



It will be against the law for most people to park on the pavement.



It will be against the law for most people to park next to a dropped kerb.



It will be against the law for most people to park too far away from the pavement.

But there will be some times when parking like this is still allowed. These are called exceptions.

There are lots of exceptions in the law.

The next pages have some more information about the exceptions.

Emergency vehicles

Emergency vehicles are things like...

- Ambulances
- Fire engines
- Police cars and motorbikes

The new law says...



Emergency vehicles will be allowed to park on the pavement.



Emergency vehicles will be allowed to park in front of a dropped kerb.



Emergency vehicles will be allowed to park away from the pavement.

Pulling up to wait

The new law says...



Drivers will be allowed to pull up on the pavement for a short time to wait for a very small number of reasons.



Drivers will be allowed to pull up in front of a dropped kerb for a short time to wait for a very small number of reasons.



Drivers will be allowed to pull up away from the pavement for a short time to wait for a very small number of reasons.

People parking outside their own house

The new law says...



People will be allowed to park in front of a dropped kerb outside their own house.

Delivery trucks and vans

The new law says if delivery trucks and vans are collecting or delivering something...



They will be allowed to park in front of a dropped kerb for up to 20 minutes.



They will be allowed to park far away from the pavement for up to 20 minutes.

Bin lorries

The new law says...



Bin lorries will be allowed to park in front of a dropped kerb to pick up rubbish.



Bin lorries will be allowed to park far away from the pavement to pick up rubbish.

People working on the road

Sometimes electricity or gas companies dig up the road. They usually have a van.

The new law says...



These vans will be allowed to park in front of a dropped kerb.



These vans will be allowed to park far away from the pavement.

Disabled parking spaces

Sometimes disabled parking spaces are marked...

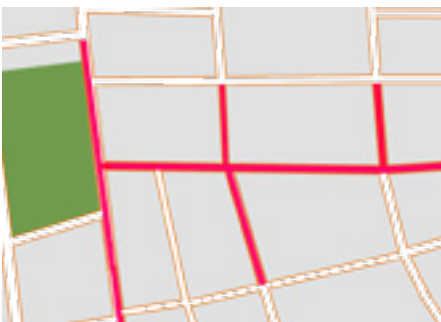
- on the pavement
- in front of a dropped kerb
- away from the pavement.

The new law says...



People who have a disabled parking blue badge would still be allowed to park in spaces like this.

Some roads where the law would not apply



The new law says local councils can choose roads where the law does not apply.

This means local councils can say that on some roads drivers are still allowed to...

- park on the pavement
- park in front of a dropped kerb
- park away from the pavement.

How to tell the Scottish Parliament what you think about the law



The Scottish Parliament would like to know what you think about this new law.



If you want to tell the Scottish Parliament what you think you have to tell them by Friday 6th November 2015.

There are 3 ways to tell the Scottish Parliament what you think:



- Send an email to the Scottish Parliament lgr.committee@scottish.parliament.uk



- Write a letter to the Scottish Parliament:
Local Government and Regeneration
Committee
Committee Office
Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP



- Answer some questions in a survey to tell the Scottish Parliament what you think.
Please [click here](#) to go to the survey.



If you write an email or send a letter the Scottish Parliament will put it on their website.

They will put your name on their website too.



If you don't want the Scottish Parliament to put your email or letter on their website please tell them when you write to them.



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What happens next



The Scottish Parliament will look at all the emails and letters people send about the new law.

And they will look at what people say in the survey.



They will see how many people think the new law is good.

They will see how many people think the new law is bad.

The Scottish Parliament will think about any changes they need to make to the law.

They will decide if the law can go on to the next stage.



Making a new law takes a long time.

If this law passes through all the stages it will probably not become official for another couple of years.

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