

Clear Streets

tackling illegal parking



**South
Staffordshire
Council**

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Protecting Your Community



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Parking pests ...

Drivers who choose to ignore parking regulations cause real problems at your expense. These parking pests are both annoying and downright dangerous. Blocked streets are a real threat to your safety, if the emergency services can't get through the consequences might be disastrous.

Selfish parking can particularly affect young children, older residents and those with disabilities. All can be inconvenienced and exposed to real risk.

Inconsiderate parking creates tensions. Blocked streets are bad for business, disrupting deliveries, driving away valuable customers, and hindering vital services such as waste collection.

Blocked streets also lead to more congestion, and stationary traffic pumps out tonnes of CO₂ and other harmful pollutants. Clear streets mean clearer air.



... a clearly co-ordinated solution

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The Police used to enforce parking laws, but this took valuable resources away from tackling serious crime. In 2007 the power to tackle rogue parkers in Staffordshire was handed over to a partnership of local councils.

It's called Civil Parking Enforcement, but we prefer 'Clear Streets' because that's what we want to achieve: streets clear of parking pests and the perils they bring.

The first four Staffordshire Clear Streets teams were launched in autumn 2007* and are already making a difference. The rest of Staffordshire will follow suit early in 2009.

Highly trained Parking Officers have powers to enforce traffic regulations across the county. Besides dealing with parking contraventions they also report instances of 'obstruction' to the police, e.g. dangerous parking on junctions and pedestrian crossings.

Parking management co-ordinates closely with the county council's transport planning and highway investment programmes; clearly a better way to keep Staffordshire moving.



Footnote

* The first teams operate in East Staffordshire, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stafford Borough and Staffordshire Moorlands.

Clear Costs – Clearly Fair

If you break parking regulations you will get a Penalty Charge Notice. These fixed fees will be spent on improving highways and highway safety in the communities where the charges were issued.

Rogue parkers pay the costs of keeping the streets clear, making the scheme self financing at no cost to decent law abiding tax-payers.

Paying a Penalty Charge Notice is easy, and if you pay on time it's cheaper too. Charges are fixed**:

- Less serious contraventions, e.g. overstaying in a car park, cost £50 which will be reduced to £25 if paid within 14 days; more serious contraventions cost £70 which will be reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days
- On street contraventions cost £70 which will be reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days

After one month if you have not paid the charge, you will also be billed for all additional costs incurred when recovering your debt.

Our teams are realistic and fair and in the event of a dispute an independent Adjudication Service exists to resolve matters.

Footnote

***Note: these charges are correct at time of printing but may be subject to future changes.*

Clear Information?

We want you to be clear about how Clear Streets works, how it is funded, and what the benefits are.

If you've any further questions about how Clear Streets works, how it is funded, and its community benefits please call our Customer Services Team on 01902 696000 or email clearstreets@sstaffs.gov.uk. Alternatively visit our website: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/parking.

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