

PROCEDURE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF DROPPED FOOTWAYS

1 Civil Enforcement Officers will issue higher rate Penalty Charge Notices under Contravention Code 27 as set out below.

2 Locations covered by the procedure

In the Special Enforcement Area which covers all of the District Council of New Forest, excluding the M27 and the A31 to the west of the M27 junction 1, a vehicle must not be parked on the carriageway adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge where:

(a) the footway, cycle track or verge has been lowered to meet the level of the carriageway for the purpose of

- (1) assisting pedestrians crossing the carriageway
- (2) assisting cyclists entering or leaving the carriageway, or
- (3) assisting vehicles entering or leaving the carriageway across the footway, cycle track or verge; or

(b) the carriageway has, for the purpose within (a) (1) (2) (3), been raised to meet the level of the footway, cycle track or verge.

3 When can a Penalty Charge Notice be issued

A Penalty Charge Notice at the higher rate (£70) can be issued if a vehicle is parked at a dropped footway unless the following circumstances occur:

- The vehicle was parked wholly within a designated parking space
- The vehicle is parked outside a residential premises by or with the consent of the occupiers of the premises (this does not include shared driveways)
- Vehicles being used by the emergency services
- Vehicle is being used for the collection/delivery of goods and there is no viable alternative location
- Vehicle is being used in connection with building, demolition or utility works and is not parked for longer than necessary
- The driver is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control
- For purposes of allowing people to board or alight from it, provided the vehicle does not wait longer than necessary for this activity to take place.

4 Observation times

Unless there are good reasons not to 5 minutes observation time should always be given prior to the issue of a PCN