

East Herts Council

Mobile (ANPR) Based Enforcement Policy

Introduction

East Herts Council seeks to demonstrate a fair, transparent and proportionate approach to all its parking enforcement activities. The Council's use of mobile, ANPR based parking enforcement will operate in line with this commitment. In support of this we will prioritise for attention vehicles that:

1. Are parked on school or zebra crossing zig-zags.
2. Are parked in restricted bus stops.
3. Are parked in contravention in an enforceable loading bay
4. Are parked in contravention on single or double yellow lines where loading or unloading is prohibited.
5. Are parked in contravention in resident permit parking areas.

1. School and Zebra Crossing Zig-Zags

Parking on zig-zag lines outside schools has significant safety connotations. It can be difficult to take enforcement action against such activity using CEOs due to the relatively short time the vehicle may be parked there and the fact that the driver may be in the vehicle and is likely to drive away should a CEO approach.

*A vehicle parked in contravention on school zig-zags will be a **high priority** for camera based mobile enforcement.*

Parking on pedestrian crossing zig-zags is also a safety hazard and can also be difficult to enforce against using foot patrols.

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2. Bus Stops

A number of bus stops in our towns and villages prohibit the parking of other vehicles between specified times. Illegal parking in these bays cause congestion and places in jeopardy those using public transport who can then have to board or alight in the road.

*A vehicle parked in contravention in an enforceable bus stop will be a **high priority** for camera based mobile enforcement.*

3. Enforceable Loading Bays

The economic wellbeing of our towns and villages depends, in part, on the ability of traders and shoppers to load and unload goods with relative ease. A number of on-street parking bays have been created in our towns for this purpose. Illegal parking in these bays by motorists not engaged in loading or unloading causes congestion and can delay by forcing vehicles to park elsewhere (e.g. on yellow lines).

*A vehicle parked in contravention in an enforceable loading bay will be a **medium priority** for camera based mobile enforcement.*

4. Loading Bans

Single and double yellow lines can be accompanied by a loading ban, signified by means of yellow 'blips' on the kerb. Loading bans are implemented where it would be *particularly* inappropriate for vehicles to park.

*A vehicle parked in contravention where a loading ban is in force will be a **medium priority** for camera based mobile enforcement.*

5. Resident Permit Parking Areas

Resident permit details are held in a database which cross references with the Council's parking enforcement system. Over time the Council hopes to also move the 'visitor voucher' service onto an electronic platform, doing away with the current scratchcards. Once this has been achieved resident permit parking areas will be patrolled using the ANPR based mobile service.

*A vehicle parked in contravention in a resident permit parking area will be a **medium priority** for camera based mobile enforcement.*

All Other On-street Contraventions

Certain other on-street contraventions may warrant enforcement using a mobile, ANPR equipped vehicle. The general rule for doing so will be that enforcement using an 'orthodox', foot based Civil Enforcement Officer would not be possible or has proved unsuccessful.

Examples might include locations where there is a record of threats offered to Civil Enforcement Officers and/or chronic abuse of parking restrictions.

PRIORITY FOR USE OF MOBILE, ANPR BASED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

SUMMARY

Priority	Manner of Parking	Justification
High	Where a vehicle is parked on-street in apparent contravention of school 'zig-zag' or zebra crossing 'zig-zag' restrictions.	Parking in this fashion has clear safety connotations and our residents have identified such contraventions as top of their priority list for enforcement.
	Where a vehicle is parked on-street in an enforceable bus stop.	Users of public transport are particularly disadvantaged by such parking, which can also lead to congestion on the highway.
Medium	Where a vehicle is parked in contravention in an on-street enforceable loading bay.	Loading bays are an essential support to traders in our towns and villages and commercial vehicles forced to park elsewhere can cause congestion.
	Where a vehicle is parked on-street on a double yellow line where loading/unloading is prohibited.	Loading bans are imposed where it is particularly unsafe for vehicles to park.
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Low	All other on-street contraventions.	

- ANPR based enforcement **should not** be used in off-street car parks due to its inability to detect pay and display tickets in vehicle windscreens
- ANPR based enforcement **should not** be used in resident permit parking areas where such schemes rely on the physical display of permits in vehicle windscreens. It may be used where permit details are held 'virtually' and where eligibility can be confirmed before enforcement takes place.