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Slough Local Access Forum

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Dear Neighbourhood Inspectors,

I am writing on behalf of the Slough Local Access Forum a statutory group set up under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to advise local authorities and other bodies on local access issues. The Forum's members are volunteers with interests in walking, cycling and who have knowledge of the local area.

The Forum would like to voice its concerns over the issue of obstructive pavement parking and ask what the current police policy and intentions are in relation to this matter. At its last meeting the Forum considered this issue; in particular where inconsiderate parking causes obstruction of the entire width of pavement available to pedestrians.

The Forum's understanding is that when the entire footway is obstructed by parked cars the police have the power to issue tickets to the offending motorists. Members agreed that the problem of pavement parking is wide spread across the borough with the police and the council sharing the responsibility for enforcement; the council being able to enforce where parking restrictions are in place. However, it seems that enforcement by the police can be sporadic.

As a result of this discussion members resolved to ask the police service what the policy is on dealing with pavement parking where it results in obvious obstruction to pedestrians who are often forced to pass via the carriageway.

Could you please furnish an answer to this enquiry at your earliest convenience?

Yours sincerely,

David Munkley
Chair, Slough Local Access Forum