

Civil Parking Enforcement- Code of Practice

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1. Introduction

We aim to deliver a high-quality parking service in a fair, consistent and professional manner, whilst promoting Road Safety for all road users.

This document provides parking enforcement guidance and protocols for on street Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) to observe whilst enforcing the parking restrictions within the boundaries of the city of Portsmouth.

This guidance complies with the Traffic management Act 2004 and The Secretary of State's Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions as amended.

Parking contraventions are usually dealt with by the issue of a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) and, in appropriate circumstances, by the immobilisation of a vehicle by wheel clamping or the towing away of the vehicle.

The enforcement guidelines and protocols are intended as a reference document for use on and off street or in the office. It describes the contraventions, their codes and details of information to be recorded in each case in order to prove that the contravention took place.

Observation times, exemptions and when loading or unloading is permitted are dealt with. The protocol refers to all types of parking restrictions, for example, yellow lines, permit parking, meter parking, free parking places, loading places, bus stop clearways and school zig zags.

2. Definitions

General



Parking Place: Any area of highway designated as a parking place. It may contain one or more bays or spaces.



Parking Space: An area or areas within a parking place provided for the leaving of a vehicle.



Parking Bay: An individual bay within a parking place, which is provided for the leaving of a vehicle upon payment or display of a permit or voucher as required.



Loading Bay / Place: An area of highway designated as a loading bay/place under a loading bays/places order. It may contain one or more loading bays or spaces.

3. General Notes

3.1 Motorcycles

Motorcycles may park free of charge in designated bays in on and off street pay and display areas and also in controlled resident zones, except where indicated otherwise. They are not exempt from the time restrictions in free bays. Motorcycles with sidecars are treated as cars. Motorcycles are motor vehicles and are thus subject to all other parking restrictions.

3.2 Overnight Parking Ban

The overnight ban applies to commercial vehicles over 5 tonnes maximum gross weight (MGW) and buses.

Caravans and motorhomes are also restricted from parking overnight in the seafront area. All streets/roads where the restrictions are in place are in the south of the city and have appropriate signage.

3.3 Footway Parking Ban

Vehicles parked on footways and footpaths or an area of the road that forms part of a footway or footpath can cause a problem for pedestrians, especially wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs or people with mobility difficulties.

Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) are only able to take enforcement action with vehicles parked on the pavement where there is an adjacent enforceable restriction, for example double yellow lines, and a PCN may be issued in some circumstances. However, HGV's can be dealt with by CEOs for parking partially or wholly on the pavement even if there is no formal parking restriction.

In all other circumstances where vehicles are obstructing the pavement without an enforceable restriction or when vehicles are driving on the footway, the enforcement is currently the responsibility of Hampshire Constabulary.

4. Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs)

4.1 Behaviour of staff

CEOs are employed by Portsmouth City Council and as such are bound by the council's code of conduct in relation to their behaviour. As a service we pride ourselves on delivering parking enforcement in a polite, courteous, professional and consistent manner, endeavouring to provide a good level of service and experience for all those who come into contact with our CEOs.

Where the public would like to provide feedback, or our service fails to meet these standards we would encourage that the service is contacted via email at parkinf@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

Incidents of violence directed at CEOs will not be tolerated, the Parking Service takes such incidence extremely seriously and will fully support staff in taking further and appropriate action against the perpetrator.

4.2 Essential Information to be recorded by the CEO and shown on the PCN

1. Date the Notice is Served
2. Grounds of issue, namely:
 - a. Vehicle registration mark (VRM)
 - b. Date and time of alleged contravention
 - c. Contravention description and code
 - d. Location of alleged contravention (street name)

4.3 Other Essential Information to be shown on the PCN

1. PCN number
2. Name of Enforcing Authority
3. Penalty charge amount
4. Methods of payment
5. Payment periods (i.e. statutory payment and discount periods)
6. Address for payment and correspondence
7. How to challenge the PCN

4.4 Recommended Information to be recorded by the CEO

1. Vehicle make/model and colour (if evident)
2. CEO number
3. Detailed location (reference to meter or parking bay number, house number, lighting column or post number, or nearest road junction as appropriate)
4. Observation start and finish times (if applicable)

4.5 issuing the notice

The PCN must be affixed to the vehicle or handed to the person appearing to be in charge of the vehicle. If the CEO is prevented from the issuing the PCN by either of the methods below, the PCN will be served under Regulation 10 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and will be sent in the post to the registered keeper/owner as either:

- a) If the CEO attempted to serve the PCN by affixing it to the vehicle or giving it to the person in charge of the vehicle but was prevented from doing so by some person.
- b) If the CEO had begun to write the PCN but the vehicle was driven away before the PCN could be served.

4.6 Other Supporting Information

The CEO will also record the following information:

1. Whether the PCN was affixed to the windscreen or handed to the driver

2. Whether the CEO was prevented from serving the PCN by some person, or the vehicle drove away before the CEO had had time to complete the PCN
3. Whether the driver was seen and any relevant conversation with the driver or other people associated with the vehicle
4. Any evidence of loading or unloading activity after the PCN had been issued
5. Expiry time of pay and display ticket or arrival time or value shown on vouchers/scratch cards and serial number and expiry time of pay-and-display ticket or voucher (when relevant).
5. Details of any permit / badge displayed
6. Any evidence of breakdown
7. Details of any notes in or on the vehicle, including any alleged meter faults
8. Tyre valve positions
9. Pocket book reference (if there is a relevant entry)
10. Details of suspensions and signage in relation to the vehicle
11. Details of any roadwork's which are likely to affect parking
12. Details of yellow lines (single, double or broken), and nearest plate (where appropriate)
13. Any other information, which is likely to be useful

4.7 Photographic Evidence

As additional evidence, photographs may be taken. Whilst this is not compulsory the evidence provided is extremely useful.

4.8 Body Cameras

Body cameras are normally worn by our Civil Enforcement Officers overtly, these are for use by them where circumstances require their activation. This may relate to incidents where there are threats/the potential of or violence, vehicle drive away PCNs and any other interactions where they may be required.

Footage is kept for up to 60 days, except where the footage is required as evidence and then not longer than is reasonably necessary whilst complying with the relevant legislation.

5. Vehicle Removals

Under some circumstances, following the issue of a PCN, vehicle removals under the Traffic Management Act 2004 may take place. This includes, but is not limited to:-

- Persistent evader vehicles found parked in contravention.
- Fraudulent use of disabled persons parking blue badges or an article that purports to be a disabled blue badge.
- Parked in a disabled persons parking bay without displaying a disabled blue badge in the prescribed manner.
- Parked using a fraudulent Portsmouth City Council permit, voucher, scratch card or pay and display parking ticket; inclusive of cashless parking sessions and virtual permits.
- Parked in a manner that causes serious obstruction to emergency services and other road users. (For more details see the Vehicle Removal Policy)

6. General Exemptions

6.1 The Blue Badge Scheme

The purpose of the blue badge scheme is to help badge holders park closer to their destination, either as a driver or a passenger. It allows badge holders to park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours with a correctly displayed disabled badge and clock showing the time of arrival must be displayed, except where there is a ban on loading or unloading. The blue badge also allows free parking on pay and display areas, both on street and in off street car parks operated by Portsmouth City Council (Note: in privately operated car parks, check signs for available concessions). Unlimited parking is also available in limited wait bays and residential parking schemes. Disabled bays may be provided for blue badge holders and these may restrict the length of stay. In restricted bays the blue badge only must be displayed.

Disabled parking bay permits - A Blue Badge or corresponding disabled parking bay permit must be displayed whilst parked within an allocated disabled bay in residential areas. A Blue Badge permit cannot be used in another vehicle within the vicinity if the Blue Badge is being used. A PCN may be issued to the vehicle displaying the Blue Badge permit if a CEO records the Blue Badge being used at the same time.

Blue badges are normally valid for 3 years and show the name of the holder, serial number, expiry date and the issuing authority. The badge must be displayed in a conspicuous position on the vehicle where a CEO can see the details without obstruction with the front of the badge facing forward.

6.2 Vehicles always exempt from restriction's

Fire, police and ambulance vehicles on official business.

A vehicle, which is military or visiting military forces.

A vehicle, which has been told to wait by a police constable or a CEO in uniform or has to stop in order to avoid an accident.

A vehicle prevented from moving by circumstances beyond the driver's control.

6.3 Utilities Companies

Gas, electricity, water utility, communications and cable and signals companies will from time to time need to carry out emergency works on or off the highway. Vehicles carrying out such emergency works may park in restricted streets. If necessary, CEOs may ask drivers to move such vehicles to a more suitable location.

6.4 Additional exemptions which may apply to individual situations

- Setting down and/or picking up of passengers. This typically should not take longer than 2 minutes unless the person is a vulnerable road user, where the exemption would extend to taking them to or collecting them from a place of safety.
- A vehicle on the service of the local authority providing that it is being used in the exercise of a statutory power or duty and it is necessary for the vehicle to wait in that location.
- A vehicle used for the removal of furniture to or from adjacent premises.
- A vehicle involved in the removal of any obstruction to traffic.

- A vehicle waiting while a gate or barrier is opened/closed to allow access or departure to/from premises.
- A stationary vehicle selling goods from a pitch on a restricted street whilst holding a licence from the Council to do so.

6.5 Loading and Unloading

Loading/unloading or delivering/collecting goods are allowed in most places where restrictions apply. However, these activities are not allowed where loading prohibitions apply, for example:

- where there are kerb stripes;
- where there is a temporary ban on loading; or
- on bus stop clearways or school keep clear markings.

Loading/unloading is generally restricted as follows: –

- in loading bays - as time plate stipulates
- designated parking places and on yellow lines - as long as loading/unloading is taking place.

A vehicle may only remain in place for as long as it takes to perform the loading or unloading operations, generally defined as being the movement of goods to or from the vehicle, the checking of said goods and the completion of any necessary paperwork. The purchase of goods is not covered by the exemption, for example parking to go shopping, purchasing a newspaper or obtaining cash from an ATM.

There is no right to park on completion of loading/unloading. To qualify for exemption, vehicles should be parked adjacent, or as close as is practically possible, to the premises receiving the delivery. Although this is not always possible, discretion can be used to allow the vehicle to park in the vicinity of the premises.

Where loading/unloading is allowed, a CEO will observe the vehicle for a period of time to ascertain whether loading/unloading is being carried out. If a goods vehicle is being observed then it is recommended that the observation time is longer. If loading or unloading is seen after a PCN is issued, this will be noted by the CEO in the pocketbook.

7. On Street Contravention Codes, Descriptions and Charge Level

(H) = Higher Penalty Level (£70)

(L) = Lower Penalty Level (£50)

- 01 Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours **(H)**
- 02 Parked or loading and unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading and unloading restrictions are in force **(H)**
- 05 Parked after the expiry of paid for time **(L)**
- 11 Parked without payment of the parking charge **(L)**
- 12 Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket issued for that place where required, or without payment of the parking charge **(H)**
- 14 Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging **(H)**
- 16 Parked in a parking space or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required **(H)**
- 18 Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited **(H)**
- 21 Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space **(H)**
- 22 Re-parked in the same parking place or zone within one hour (or other specified time) of leaving **(L)**
- 23 Parked in a parking place or area not designated for that class of vehicle **(H)**
- 24 Not parked correctly within the markings of a bay or space **(L)**
- 25 Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading **(H)**
- 26 Parked in a special enforcement area more than 50cm from the edge of the carriageway and not within a designated parking place **(H)**
- 27 Parked in a special enforcement area adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge lowered to meet the level of the carriageway **(H)**
- 28 Parked in a special enforcement area on part of the carriageway raised to meet the level of a footway, cycle track or verge **(L)**
- 30 Parked for longer than permitted **(L)**
- 40 Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner **(H)**
- 42 Parked in a parking place designated for police vehicles **(H)**
- 45 Stopped on a taxi rank **(H)**
- 46 Stopped where prohibited (on a red route or clearway) **(H)**
- 47 Parked on a restricted bus stop or bus stand **(H)**
- 48 Stopped in a restricted area outside a school, a hospital or a fire, police or ambulance station when prohibited **(H)**
- 55 A commercial vehicle parked in a restricted street in contravention of the Overnight Waiting Ban **(H)**
- 61 A heavy commercial vehicle wholly or partly parked on a footway, verge or land between 2 carriageways **(H)**
- 99 Stopped on a pedestrian crossing or a crossing area marked by zigzags **(H)**

7.1 On Street Contravention Codes, Descriptions and Observation Times

These observation times are for guidance only. A CEO may issue a PCN without following the guidance if there are compelling grounds to do so.

Contravention 01	
Description	Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours
Observation period	Five minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If a valid blue badge and time clock is displayed, CEO to log and not enforce within three hours If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Specific exemptions	Any vehicle displaying a valid Portsmouth City Council dispensation
Contravention 02	
Description	Parked or loading and unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading and unloading restrictions are in force
Observation period	None
Observations	if there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 05	
Description	Parked after the expiry of paid for time
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 11	
Description	Parked without payment of the parking charge
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 12	
Description	Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket issued for that place where required, or without payment of the parking charge
Observation period	Five minutes for cars, ten minutes for HGV's
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 14	
Description	Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging
Observation period	Five minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed

Contravention 16	
Description	Parked in a permit space or zone without displaying a valid virtual permit or displaying a physical permit where required
Observation period	Five minutes for cars, ten minutes for HGV's
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 18	
Description	Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 21	
Description	Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space
Observation period	None
Observations	If evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed
Contravention 22	
Description	Re-parked in the same parking place or zone within one hour (or other specified time) of leaving
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed
Contravention 23	
Description	Parked in a parking place or area not designated for that class of vehicle (This applies to motorcycle and coach bays only)
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 24	
Description	Not parked correctly within the markings of the bay or space
Observation period	None
Observation	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 25	
Description	Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observation	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 26	
Description	Parked in a special enforcement area more than 50cm from the edge of the carriageway and not within a designated parking place
Observation period	Five minutes
Observation	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed

Contravention 27	
Description	Parked in a special enforcement area adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge lowered to meet the level of the carriageway The description, 'adjacent to a dropped footway' applies to a dropped footway, which includes driveways. For residential driveways contact is required from the property owner/resident where entry/egress from the driveway/garage will need to be established. Enforcement at other dropped footways i.e. with or without tactile kerbs provided to allow wheelchair/pushchair users to cross the road can be enforced as seen by CEOs.
Observation period	Five minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 28	
Description	Parked in a special enforcement area on part of the carriageway raised to meet the level of a footway, cycle track or verge The description, 'raised to meet the level of a footway, cycle track or verge' applies to a raised roadway, which includes driveways. For residential driveways contact is required from the property owner/resident where entry/egress from the driveway/garage will need to be established. Enforcement at other raised roadway i.e. with or without tactile kerbs provided to allow wheelchair/pushchair users to cross the road can be enforced as seen by CEOs
Observation Period	Five Minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 30	
Description	Parked for longer than permitted
Observation period	Ten minutes are required after free time has elapsed with the same wheel valve positions
Observation	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If a valid blue badge is displayed then there is no limit on the duration of stay If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 40	
Description	Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner
Observation period	5 mins
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading
Specific exemptions	Blue badge holders provided blue badge is on display and/or, if in a residents allocated disabled bay, then the blue badge or disabled bay permit is displayed
Contravention 42	
Description	Parked in a parking place designated for Police vehicles
Observation period	None
Observations	None

Contravention 45	
Description	Stopped on a taxi rank
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 46	
Description	Stopped where prohibited (on a red route or clearway)
Observation period	None
Observation	None
Contravention 47	
Description	Stopped on a restricted bus stop or stand
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Additional exemptions	Buses as defined- bus means a vehicle which is adapted to carry more than eight passengers Hackney Carriages only- setting down/picking up passengers
Contravention 48	
Description	Stopped in a restricted area outside a school, a hospital or a fire, police or ambulance station when prohibited
Observation period	None
Observation	None
Additional information	PCNs may also be issued with a 'j' suffix (48j) where issued by an enforcement camera
Contravention 55	
Description	A commercial vehicle parked in a restricted street in contravention of the overnight waiting ban. (This only applies where an overnight waiting sign is displayed.)
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 61	
Description	A heavy commercial vehicle wholly or partly parked on a footway, verge or land between 2 carriageways
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observation	If there is evidence of loading/unloading
Contravention 99	
Description	Stopped on a pedestrian crossing or crossing area marked by zigzags
Observation period	None
Observations	None

8. Off Street Contravention Codes, Descriptions and Charge Level

(H) = Higher Penalty Level (£70)

(L) = Lower Penalty Level (£50)

- 70 Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading **(H)**
- 71 Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging **(H)**
- 73 Parked without payment of the parking charge **(L)**
- 74 Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited **(H)**
- 78 Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space **(H)**
- 80 Parked for longer than the maximum period permitted **(L)**
- 81 Parked in a restricted area in an off-street car park or housing estate **(H)**
- 82 Parked after the expiry of paid for time **(L)**
- 85 Parked without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required **(H)**
- 86 Parked beyond the bay markings **(L)**
- 87 Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled persons badge in the prescribed manner **(H)**
- 89 Vehicle parked exceeds maximum weight or height or length permitted in the area **(H)**
- 90 Re-parked within one hour or other specified time of leaving a bay or space in a car park **(L)**
- 91 Parked in a car park or area not designated for that class of vehicle **(H)**
- 92 Parked causing an obstruction **(H)**
- 93 Parked in car park when closed **(L)**
- 95 Parked in a parking place for a purpose other than the designated purpose for the parking place **(L)**

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These observation times are for guidance only. A CEO may issue a PCN without following the guidance if there are compelling grounds to do so.

Contravention 70	
Description	Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observation	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed
Contravention 71	
Description	Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place without charging
Observation period	None
Observations	None

Contravention 73	
Description	Parked without payment of the parking
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed
Contravention 74	
Description	Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 78	
Description	Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 80	
Description	Parked for longer than maximum period permitted (Applies to all free bays)
Observation period	Ten minutes after free time elapsed are required with the same wheel valve positions
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If a valid blue badge is displayed then there is no limit on the duration of stay If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 81	
Description	Parked in a restricted area in an off-street car park or housing estate
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 82	
Description	Parked after the expiry of paid for time
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed, then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 85	
Description	Parked without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required
Observation period	Five minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading
Contravention 86	
Description	Parked beyond the bay markings
Observation period	None
Observation	None

Contravention 87	
Description	Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 89	
Description	Vehicle parked exceeds maximum weight or height or length permitted in the area
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 90	
Description	Re-parked within one hour or other specified time of leaving a bay or space in a car park
Observation period	Ten minutes
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 91	
Description	Parked in a car park or area not designated for that class of vehicle
Observation period	None
Observations	If there is evidence of loading/unloading If there is evidence of setting down/picking up passengers and luggage is observed then casual observation to be followed
Contravention 92	
Description	Parked causing an obstruction
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 93	
Description	Parked when the car park is closed
Observation period	None
Observations	None
Contravention 95	
Description	Parked in a parking place for a purpose other than the designated purpose for the parking place
Observation period	None
Observations	None

In some circumstances certain contraventions may, with the authorisation of a manager, cause the vehicle to be towed away. See the vehicle removal guidance for further details. The support line for motorists who have had their vehicle towed is 02392 688310.

9. Issuing a PCN where a minor infringement is occurring

There are certain circumstances where technically a contravention is occurring, but it does not warrant a PCN being issued. Verbal or written warnings may be appropriate for minor

contraventions where a driver is with or returns to the vehicle. Two examples of situations where this may occur are given below.

9.1 Vehicle Overhang

A CEO should only issue a PCN if the vehicle is parked in such a way that at least one wheel is wholly in contravention, for example a wheel being wholly outside the parking bay on a yellow line.

In some cases, larger vehicles may overhang a bay to an extent which causes an obstruction, a PCN can then be issued. CEOs must use their judgement on this and record any evidence (especially photographic) that proves the contravention.

This does not apply to disabled bays where any part of a vehicle within a bay may result in a PCN.

9.2 Distance from the Kerb

Contravention code 26 refers to a vehicle being more than 50cm from the edge of the carriageway. Although this provision was originally introduced to combat double parking, a vehicle parked a significant distance from the kerb, so that it could be considered to be causing an obstruction/impeding the flow of traffic/cyclists, may be issued PCN. Evidence (especially photographic) proving the contravention should be recorded.

10 Issuing a PCN on private land

A CEO with the authority of a senior officer may issue a PCN on private land where it is considered prudent and legal to do so, an example of which is where a 'No Waiting' restriction (double yellow lines) exists on the highway. This will only be where private land is also a section of road or street that the public can habitually and freely pass and repass over.

Links:

The Secretary of State's Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/civil-enforcement-of-parking-contraventions/guidance-for-local-authorities-on-enforcing-parking-restrictions>

The Highway Code:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>