



# If you do this...

# ...we'll do this.



Following a review by the Department for Transport, the City and District of St Albans in line with other Local Authorities will be able to enforce parking rules at dropped kerbs and where vehicles are double parked WITHOUT the need for signs or road markings.

Parking across dropped kerbs is both inconsiderate and potentially dangerous to pedestrians. Where cars are parked in areas where the footway has been lowered (or carriageway raised) to assist pedestrians and access to properties, we will consider taking action.

With effect from Monday 29 March 2010 the City and District of St Albans, in conjunction with its parking contractor, will enforce regulations where vehicles are parked at a dropped kerb or are double parked.

### ***What does parked at a dropped kerb mean?***

A vehicle parked at a dropped kerb will have parked on the carriageway next to a place where the footway, cycle track or verge has been lowered to the level of the carriageway.

### ***What is double parking?***

Double parking applies when a vehicle is parked on any part of the carriageway, and no part of the vehicle is within 50cm of the edge of the carriageway (unless wholly within a bay).

### ***Will I receive a penalty if I park across my own drive?***

No, vehicles parked across property drives with the owner's consent are exempt from the regulations.

### ***What can I do if a vehicle parks across my drive without my permission?***

Enforcement action will be undertaken by Civil Enforcement Officers. A request for enforcement action should be made to the parking hotline on 01727 845283.

### ***How much is a penalty?***

Penalties are currently set at £70, payment within 14 days attracts a 50% discount reducing the sum to £35.

### ***Will Civil Enforcement Officers be carrying tape measures?***

No, the Civil Enforcement Officers will issue a penalty where it is self evident the gap between the vehicle and kerb is more than 50cms.

### ***I am a Blue Badge holder, does this apply to me?***

Yes, the Blue Badge is not a license to park anywhere. Dropped kerbs are often installed to assist access for pedestrians who have restricted mobility.

### ***I have received a penalty which I think is unfair, what can I do?***

The Council will consider any mitigating circumstances. Your comments should be sent to the address on the reverse of the penalty charge notice.

To request enforcement action contact the Parking Hotline, telephone 01727 845283.

## **Don't be an obstructive parker**

For further information please contact [parking@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:parking@stalbans.gov.uk)  
or The Parking Shop at Drovers Way Multi Storey Car Park. Telephone: 0845 601 7803.

