

Hawkinge Town Council

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HAWKINGE TOWN COUNCIL PARKING POLICY

Hawkinge Town Council (HTC) aims to ensure a safe environment for all residents, whether drivers or pedestrians. To this end, the Council is committed to:

- reducing the level of inconsiderate parking which inconveniences others,
- publishing and advertising guidelines for considerate parking
- listening to residents where problems arise, taking appropriate action and recording complaints
- contacting landlords and agents where applicable
- liaising with planners and developers of future homes to ensure adequate parking standards.

HTC has received an increasing number of complaints about inconsiderate parking in the town. The Council understands that parking spaces are restricted in some places, but residents should not park where they inconvenience others. Vehicles should be parked where possible in garages, car ports or barns, allocated spaces or on driveways. If there is no alternative, the Highway Code rules are clear on where drivers must not or should not park.

Parking guidelines

Drivers must not stop or park:

- at a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines

- in parking spaces reserved for specific users, such as Blue Badge holders, residents or motorcycles, unless entitled to do so.
- You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

Do not stop or park

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend.

These guidelines apply to all drivers, including Blue Badge holders.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. These users should have sufficient room to pass vehicles parked on pavements, where there is no alternative.