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Dear Mr Campbell

RISKS TO CHILD AND ADULT PEDESTRIANS AND LEGALITY OF FOOTWAY PARKING

I refer to your letter of 27th February 2012 in which you seek clarification over legal issues relating to pavement parking.

As far as I am aware, unless there are specific Traffic Regulation Orders in place, or that a specific driver is witnessed causing specific damage, the Council is not formally able to take legal action.

Issues such as driving onto footways or obstruction of these are matters for the Police and I understand that the Police have been in correspondence with you over this on a number of occasions over recent years.

The Council takes its responsibility for road safety seriously and has made strong progress in reducing road casualties. With respect to pedestrians we have in the past introduced a wide range of measures based on the information provided to us by the Police, which aimed to improve safety for pedestrians. Such measures have included traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossings, refuge islands, speed limit reductions, traffic regulation orders and footway improvements etc.

The overall number of pedestrian road casualties has reduced significantly over time, indeed it has reduced by more than 50% since the year 2000. We will continue to implement measures to assist pedestrians in the future.

I do not consider it appropriate for the officers of the Council to comment on the legality of issues which are beyond our legislative scope and will therefore refrain from completing your survey.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Smith', written in a cursive style.

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