



ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS

ROADS POLICING

Ian Campbell,


Dear Sir,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 27th February and received in this office on the 4th March.

The safety of all road users is vitally important and underpins our national roads policing strategy 2011-2015 as we work to continue to reduce the numbers of persons killed and seriously injured on our roads. Reducing the risks associated with all pedestrians as road users is especially important as they are particularly vulnerable if they come into contact with moving vehicles.

We live and work in busy and congested towns and cities across the UK and we are all responsible for ensuring that the available space is shared, in such a manner, as to be safe for all citizens to go about their daily business. Clearly, unlawful parking can exacerbate this situation.

In 2007 parking enforcement powers were transferred from the police to local authorities, in line with each authorities statutory duty to provide road safety in their local area (s39 Road Traffic Act 1988). Therefore the responsibility for regulating the parking of vehicles on roads falls on local authorities. In addition the Government have just concluded a consultation on parking with the aim of ensuring that parking strategies complement and enhance the attractiveness of our high streets and town centres.

I would advise that you engage with the local authority in the Wirral in order to progress your campaign.

Yours faithfully

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