

Briefing for the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on petition PE1929: To run an advertising campaign to raise public awareness of the forthcoming pavement parking ban, submitted by Bob Downie

Background

Part 6 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 includes provisions that will, when enacted:

1. Prohibit parking on the pavement, subject to a number of exemptions
2. Prohibit double parking, subject to a number of exemptions
3. Prohibit parking in front of a dropped kerb, except where these provide access to a driveway or garage (whether on commercial or residential premises) or for the purposes of saving life or responding to another similar emergency.
4. Allow local authorities to exempt certain streets/part of streets from the prohibition on pavement parking
5. Create a system for the enforcement of prohibitions on pavement parking, double parking and parking in front of dropped kerbs, similar to that for decriminalised parking enforcement – that is parking enforcement by local authority parking attendants rather than police officers or traffic wardens.
6. Allow for vehicles parked in contravention of a prohibition on pavement parking, double parking or parking in front of a dropped kerb to be moved, removed and eventually disposed of, subject to a number of safeguards.

Scottish Government Action

See below.

Scottish Parliament Action

The Scottish Government committed to running a nationwide publicity campaign on pavement parking, double parking and dropped kerb parking prohibitions during the passage of the Transport (Scotland) Bill through the

Scottish Parliament. The Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's [Stage 1 Report on the Transport \(Scotland\) Bill](#), notes that:

“The Committee welcomes the Scottish Government's intention to undertake a nationwide campaign before any parking changes are implemented. It calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the campaign is as widespread and inclusive as possible and include vulnerable groups and those for which English may not be their first language.”

The [Scottish Government's response to the Report](#) states:

“It is the Scottish Government's intention that the nationwide publicity campaign will be launched in good time before the parking prohibitions come into force, ensuring it is fully inclusive, taking cognisance of particular vulnerable groups, and made available in various formats and languages as necessary.”

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