

## PROCEDURE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF DROPPED FOOTWAYS

1 Civil Enforcement Officers will issue higher rate Penalty Charge Notices under Contravention Code 27 as set out below.

### 2 **Locations covered by the procedure**

In the Special Enforcement Area which covers all of the District Council of New Forest, excluding the M27 and the A31 to the west of the M27 junction 1, a vehicle must not be parked on the carriageway adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge where:

(a) the footway, cycle track or verge has been lowered to meet the level of the carriageway for the purpose of

- (1) assisting pedestrians crossing the carriageway
- (2) assisting cyclists entering or leaving the carriageway, or
- (3) assisting vehicles entering or leaving the carriageway across the footway, cycle track or verge; or

(b) the carriageway has, for the purpose within (a) (1) (2) (3), been raised to meet the level of the footway, cycle track or verge.

### 3 **When can a Penalty Charge Notice be issued**

A Penalty Charge Notice at the higher rate (£70) can be issued if a vehicle is parked at a dropped footway unless the following circumstances occur:

- The vehicle was parked wholly within a designated parking space
- The vehicle is parked outside a residential premises by or with the consent of the occupiers of the premises (this does not include shared driveways)
- Vehicles being used by the emergency services
- Vehicle is being used for the collection/delivery of goods and there is no viable alternative location
- Vehicle is being used in connection with building, demolition or utility works and is not parked for longer than necessary
- The driver is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control
- For purposes of allowing people to board or alight from it, provided the vehicle does not wait longer than necessary for this activity to take place.

### 4 **Observation times**

Unless there are good reasons not to 5 minutes observation time should always be given prior to the issue of a PCN