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Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please may I request the following information:

1. I would like to know Dyfed Powys Police's current policy on vehicles parking in an inconsiderate manner on pavements and what is a person to do if he sees such an act. This is very common in the St Dogmaels and nearby Cardigan area in which I live. Not only is it dangerous when there is no room left on the pavement for pedestrians, buggies and wheelchair users but pavements are not designed for vehicle parking and the damage done to the pavements must add to the council's expenditure let alone the incalculable cost of pavement users being injured on the road when they are unable to use the pavement.

Response 1:

Such incidents are normally dealt with by Traffic Wardens. As for a policy in dealing with such issues, the Road Traffic Act states that it is an offence to park HGVs on footways according to Section 19 'Prohibition of parking of HGVs on verges, central reservations and footways,' although there is no national prohibition for pavement parking relating to anything other than heavy commercial vehicles. Therefore, any such offences are dealt with by a Traffic Warden by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice within Dyfed Powys police force.

Any member of the public wishing to report a road traffic offence in the Dyfed Powys Police area should contact the Force via the contact numbers below or alternatively call in at their nearest police station.

<u>Contact numbers:</u>	Non Emergency:	101
	From outside Dyfed Powys area:	01267 222020
	Minicom:	01267 226140
	In an emergency situation:	999