

FRONT GARDEN PARKING CRITERIA.

Please Retain For Your Information

This criteria applies to all applications for a Domestic Footway Crossover made between
1st April 2024

5.3 **Gates across vehicle entrance:** In no circumstances will gates fitted across the vehicle entrance to a property be permitted if they open outwards across the footpath

7 Road Safety:

7.1 The Council has the right to reject any application under Section 184 of the 1980

10.4 To maximise parking availability residents who already have an agreed footway crossing in place are permitted to park over a dropped kerb outside their own house, subject to obtaining a valid permit, providing there are no double yellow line restrictions in place and as long as they are not obstructing the footway to the extent

14 Overhanging Vehicles and the illegal crossing of the public footway:

It is illegal to drive a vehicle across a public footpath without using a properly constructed footway crossing.

No part of a vehicle parked within a property frontage may project on to or over the highway. The crossover may not be used as a parking area and no part of it is exempted for the purpose of footway parking.

The Council will check and monitor any instances of, or complaints about, the overhanging of vehicles or the illegal crossing of the public footway. This will involve issuing an initial warning and then issuing a prohibition notice and fine where appropriate. Overhanging vehicles can be reported to the Councils Street Enforcement Team / Parking Enforcement team on 020 8215 3000.

15 Unauthorised Crossing of a Footway:

The Council may issue a notice under s16 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 giving an occupier of premises adjoining or having access to the highway at least 28 days to cease taking a mechanically propelled vehicle(s) across the kerbed footway or verge. Failure by the occupier to do this the Council may execute such works as may be necessary to prevent mechanically propelled vehicles from being taken across the footway or verge. This will not apply to premises occupied by registered disabled persons and the Council may recover the expenses reasonably incurred by them in doing so from the owner or occupier of the premises in question.

16 Redundant Crossovers:

Any redundant crossover(s) must be removed and the footway reinstated at the applicants expense if a new access is to be created.

17 Alterations to a Crossover:

The Council may need to alter the layout of a domestic crossover at any time, due to highway modifications and improvements. Every effort will be made to maintain access to the property and the occupier of premises so affected will be given adequate notice of such works.

18 Costs and Timescales:

All charges for services and goods provided to customers are set and reviewed annually.

A non-refundable application fee will be charged for processing each application. This covers the cost of officers visiting and assessing the suitability of the location for a crossing and the production of an individual quotation.

Q4 Can I have my crossing extended or an additional one installed now I have increased the size of my parking area or now that I have a garage?

A4 The council only permits one size of crossing and only one crossing per front garden.

If you require a second crossing it may only be **considered** if it is for rear/side garden access from another road not accessed from the front of your property. A crossing will only be extended if it is less than 3.6m. All are subject to approval.

Q5 There is a streetlight or signpost outside my house can these be moved?

A5 Under most cases these items can be removed or relocated, but only if the applicant agrees to meet all expenses incurred.

Q6 There is a telegraph pole outside my house can this be moved?

A6 Unfortunately telegraph poles cannot be moved. If the item is too close to your

Q20 I have a road narrowing chicane outside my property, will i be able to have a vehicle crossing constructed.

A20 It is highly unlikely, but until a site survey has been completed to assess the impact of the traffic calming measure in relation to an application, we cannot confirm the approval or denial of your application.

Q21 My application has been denied but vehicle crossing are constructed outside other properties under similar circumstances

A21 The Front Garden Parking Criteria is reviewed annually, amendments or approval criteria may alter allowing a consistent approach moving forward for that year. The approved criteria for that year supersedes all previous criteria and crossing approvals, no precedent is set for any crossing constructed under a previous criteria.

Q22 I have a bus stop outside my property, will I be able to have a vehicle crossing constructed.

Q27 My front garden parking area has less than the required clear length of 4.5 metres from the public footway to my building line as item 1.1, will the council approve my application.

A27 As item 1.3 of the approval criteria. For Angled Parking to be considered the available space between the Public Footpath and the building line must be unobstructed and a minimum of 3.8m in depth, in this case there must be a proportionate increase in the available width of garden no application will be approved where the depth of the parking space is less than 3.8m in depth.

The proportionate increases in garden widths acceptable are shown in the below table.

Garden Depth	Garden Width	
3.8	6	
3.9	5.8	
4	5.7	
4.1	5.6	
4.2	5.5	
4.3	5.3	
4.4	5.2	

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