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## Use of bollards to prevent verge or footpaths parking

If parking restrictions are in place these apply to the full width of the highway, including in most cases:

- The carriageway
- Verge
- Footpaths

Vehicles parked on a verge or footpaths may be [subject to enforcement action](#).

If there are no restrictions, or where the verge is not a highway then, although we recognise the inconvenience caused there is no immediate action we can take.

We do not promote the use of bollards to prevent parking on verges or footpaths for several reasons:

- **Demand for parking** - installing bollards won't remove the demand for parking in an area. If bollards are installed in one area demand is simply moved to a location where there are no bollards or there is no obstruction
- **Grass cutting** - installing a length of bollards can make it much more difficult to cut the grass in an area. The impact on our maintenance budget can be significant or lead to uncut areas
- **Cost** – the investment required to supply, install and maintain bollards can be significant
- **Footpaths width** – narrow footpaths can be restricted further by the installation of bollards, set back from the kerb edge. As a result they become an obstruction to pedestrians in their own right

## Use of bollards to prevent vehicle access to private property

Damage to footpaths and verges can happen when residents drive across the footpaths or verge outside their house to park in their front garden or driveway.

Where we identify this we will contact the resident about the use of an illegal vehicle crossing.

There is [an application process for the construction of vehicle access](#) across a verge and footpath to a private drive.

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