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Dear Janet,

Disabled parking tickets

Thank you for your e-mailed letter to Mr Iwan Davies, which he has asked me to reply to.

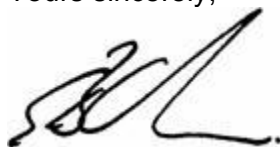
The Council introduced this type of enforcement as it regularly received complaints that drivers were unable to safely negotiate a junction due to inconsiderate parking. This was due of the decision taken by some blue badge holders to ignore the guidance issued to them with their badges and park their car unlawfully within 10m of a junction.

Mr Stocker was issued a PCN for this reason and decided to pursue an appeal with the Traffic Penalty Tribunal. Based on the additional evidence provided by Mr Stocker in this appeal, which related to the mitigating circumstances for his parking in the particular location, the Council decided not to contest the appeal. The adjudicator therefore directed the Council to cancel the Penalty Charge Notice, which has been done.

The adjudicator noted in his statement on the case that "*the Tribunal does not regulate the way in which the Council imposes or enforces parking restrictions*" and that his role was "*to decide on the facts of **any particular case** whether an appellant is liable to pay the penalty charge*". He concluded that no hearing was required in Mr Stocker's case, but suggested that the Council review the instructions given to its Civil Enforcement Officers in this situation, indicating his view that they should inform a Police Officer of the offence rather than issue a Penalty Charge Notice.

As a consequence, the Council have suspended this type of enforcement and will be considering alternative ways of dealing with the safety issues caused by this inconsiderate parking practice. With regards to Penalty Charge Notices previously issued, each case is considered on its own merits.

Yours sincerely,



for G.B. Edwards

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