

# Considerate Parking and YOU...

A general note  
to all drivers / parents



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**Illegally parked vehicles cost hundreds of thousands a year in damage to paving and grass verges, and cause serious problems for other motorists, blind, disabled / older people and parents with small children and buggies.**

### **What is being asked?**

- ◆ That you park with consideration (not just for the paths, but for the resident's house you park outside and for other road users)
- ◆ That you consider the safety of your child having to negotiate a badly parked car? (How would it make YOU feel?)
- ◆ **Do not obstruct** junctions, paths and entrances and **do not park** on School Zigzag marked areas.

### **Why is bad parking a problem?**

Pavements are provided and constructed for pedestrian use. Vehicles parked on pavements / junctions and Zigzag school markings are:

- ◆ A hazard to pedestrians causing an obstruction, which may result in them having to step off the pavement and onto the highway, thus putting them in danger
- ◆ A hazard by restricting the width of a pavement, making it difficult for someone with a pushchair or wheelchair to pass safely – again this person may have to go into the highway to avoid the obstruction
- ◆ Badly parked vehicles can obstruct the flow of traffic along roads and can increase the risk of injury to pedestrians and other road users.

### **How is this dealt with?**

- ◆ By fixed penalty notice (£30 fine) for obstruction of a path or a junction may be issued by a Parking Enforcement Officer or uniformed member of staff from Sussex Police.
- ◆ By civil action or fine for damage from the local council
- ◆ By a vehicle being removed at the owners cost if causing an obstruction to the highways and through flow of traffic
- ◆ By simple words of advice given to the driver by a uniformed officer.

**Roads around this area are being monitored.**