TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ADVICE NOTE No 6 (amendment)

ACCESS PROTECTION MARKINGS

Access protection markings (Diag. 1026.1) are to be used solely to mark that part of a carriageway that should be kept clear of parked vehicles outside entrances to off-street premises, usually business premises or private driveways, WHERE THEY ARE NOT OBVIOUS.

As the markings are not legally enforceable, they should be used sparingly, and only where a problem is isolated, and a Traffic Regulation Order could not be justified or easily enforced.

These markings are to discourage inconsiderate parking, and, in each case, a site inspection should be carried out to confirm that the problems put forward by the applicant actually exist.

Due to the significant increase in the use of these markings in some areas, it should be noted that they should not be used in residential areas where there is no obvious generator (shops, take-away or school, for example).

As far as markings outside Public premises (Doctors, Dentists, Veterinaries included) these should be the worded 'KEEP CLEAR' markings (diag. 1026), which are much more obviously understood. These will be paid for by Cheshire East Council.

In the past, access protection markings have been used to leave an area clear outside the homes (and not necessarily the driveways) of disabled persons. This is NOT allowed, as it has been found that these people have been using the marked area as a parking space!

No-one has the right to park outside their own house, whoever they are, but residents and business premises have the right to access their driveways. If there are particular Disabled parking problems, then these should be addressed with proper disabled parking Orders.

The cost of providing access protection markings (Diag 1026.1) is to be met by the applicant, and only in VERY exceptional circumstances will this be waived!

As with all things, eventually these markings will need to be replaced. The cost of this is to be met from our existing budgets where this is done as part of other lining jobs in the area or resurfacing works. If, however, a resident wishes their marking to be replaced in isolation, then they should pay for this.

Current Charges available on request