

FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

ASSESSMENT NOT REQUIRED DECLARATION

Policy title	The Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023
Directorate: Division: team	Transport Scotland: Roads Directorate: Road Policy Team
Policy lead responsible for taking the decision	Fred O'Hara, Head of Road Policy

Rationale for decision
<p>The Scottish Government has been working to improve parking legislation in Scotland in order to tackle the impact of inconsiderate and obstructive parking and ensure that our roads and pavements are accessible for all.</p> <p>As part of this work, the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 bans pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs, and gives local authorities the relevant powers to enforce these new prohibitions. Section 58(1) of the Act provides that contravention of a parking prohibition will give rise to a penalty charge.</p> <p>Section 59(1) of the Act allows Scottish Ministers to make provision, by way of regulations, for or in connection with the enforcement of the prohibitions. These regulations are needed to ensure the operability of the new legislation and provide for procedural consistency on certain key elements of the process. The Act and these Regulations together give local authorities the tools they need to be able to tackle the issues of inconsiderate and obstructive parking.</p> <p>We do not believe these Regulations in themselves will have a specific impact on socio-economic inequalities. The main aim of the parking provisions is to improve safety and accessibility for all road users, regardless of socio-economic status, through more effective management and enforcement of parking restrictions. We therefore conclude that no Fairer Scotland Duty assessment is required for this purpose.</p> <p>We will continue to work with relevant stakeholders as part of a Parking Standards Group to further develop the Parking Standards Guidance which will go in hand with the Regulations, giving local authorities the necessary information on how to carry out enforcement of the new parking prohibitions.</p>

As part of that work we will continue to evaluate how the new regulations are working and if anything needs changed in the future.

I confirm that the decision to not carry out a Fairer Scotland assessment has been authorised by:

Name and job title of Deputy Director (or equivalent)	Date authorisation given
Hugh Gillies Director of Roads, Transport Scotland	28 September 2023