

# Clamping and Removal Priority List

Any vehicle can be removed if it is parked in contravention of the parking regulations. Removals are prioritised in the following order:

## High Priorities

- Where the vehicle presents a risk to safety and/or is obstructing traffic flow, such as on Greenways and in Bus Stop Clearways.
- Persistent Evaders – where a vehicle is a Persistent Evader \* **(see note below)** or a vehicle has 3 or more open notices (including parking tickets, bus lane notices, LEZ PCNs or a combination of each) on the High Value Debtor list.
- Foreign Vehicles - applies to all foreign vehicles with 5 or more open notices (including parking tickets, bus lane notices, LEZ PCNs or a combination of each) and/or on the High Value Debtor list.
- Where the vehicle is suspected of fraudulently misusing a disabled persons' blue badge or parking permit/document.
- Where the vehicle is parked in an electric vehicle parking place and is not charging.
- Any other vehicles as requested by the Council, such as non-compliant LEZ vehicles or where keeper information is unavailable.

## Medium Priorities

- Where the vehicle is parked in a disabled bay without displaying a valid blue badge.
- Where the vehicle is parked in a permit parking place without displaying or holding a valid permit \*\* **(see note below)**.
- Where the vehicle is parked on a yellow line when loading or unloading is prohibited \*\*\* **(see note below)**.
- Where the vehicle is parked in a bay for which it is not designed or approved, for example a motorcycle or car club bay.
- Where a vehicle is parked on a length of street where loading and unloading is prohibited due to a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) or a suspension.
- Where a vehicle is parked on a double yellow line, outwith any loading prohibition, including on adjacent footways/verges or at dropped crossings.
- Where the vehicle remains parked in a public or shared use parking place on consecutive controlled days and a 2nd or subsequent PCNs are issued for the same contravention and the vehicle has not moved.
- Where the vehicle is parked in a permit parking bay within a priority parking area.
- Where the vehicle is classed as a Persistent Offender \*\*\*\* **(see note below)**.
- Where the vehicle is parked on a pavement, parked adjacent to a dropped kerb at a known crossing point or parked where no part of the vehicle is within 50cm of the carriageway edge (double parked).

## Lower Priorities

- Where the vehicle is parked in a limited waiting bay, or on a waiting restriction (e.g. single yellow line or loading bay) where loading is permitted but the vehicle is not being loaded or unloaded, the vehicle should not be removed until 1 hour has elapsed since the issue of the PCN.

## Notes

\* A Persistent Evader is a vehicle with three or more parking tickets, bus lane notices or a combination of both outstanding between and including full charge level to Sheriff Officers stages, where no correspondence has been received.

Persistent Evaders are not granted the courtesy grace periods given, such as; at the start of the day, on yellow lines (outwith any loading prohibition) and in public or shared use parking bays.

\*\* Where a vehicle is parked in a permit bay, solo motorcycle bay or on a waiting restriction, but is also displaying a valid voucher, it should not be removed until 15 minutes after the voucher has expired (unless the vehicle is classed as a persistent evader).

Non car club vehicles parked in car club bays should be removed immediately regardless of the fact that it may be displaying a valid voucher.

\*\*\* For vehicles issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for a 02 contravention on a main traffic route, arrangements should be made to remove the vehicle prior to the restriction changing to a 01 contravention.

\*\*\*\* To be classed as a Persistent Offender, a vehicle must have incurred five or more paid notices (including parking tickets, bus lane notices or a combination of both) within the three previous full calendar months.