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Dear

Footway crossings for vehicles

It is an offence to cross a footway with a vehicle unless provision is made by the construction of a vehicular footway crossing. Such a crossing must be constructed to the Council's requirements and an estimate of the costs is attached for your attention

If it is intended to construct a crossing onto a classified road, (ie main roads), planning permission may be necessary. Similarly, planning permission may be required for any crossing other than for domestic use. Details of this procedure can be obtained from the Places Directorate, Wigan Life Centre, College Avenue, Wigan, WN1 1NJ.

Yours faithfully



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Please reply to
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Application for vehicle footway crossing

- 1 Please state the highway onto which the vehicle footway crossing will lead:
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- 2 Will the crossing be used for vehicles other than cars? **Yes/No**
- 3 Is this an application for an extension to your existing footway crossing? **Yes/No**
- 4 Is the property a Council house? If yes, please ensure you enclose written permission from Wigan and Leigh Housing with this application **Yes/No**
- 5 Please sketch a plan of the proposed vehicle crossing and the nearby streets overleaf:

I wish to apply for Highway Authority approval for a footway crossing. I understand that if approved, the crossing will be constructed to the council's requirements and specifications and that I will be responsible for the full cost of its provision.

Name:

Address:

Town: Postcode:

Daytime phone number:

Mobile number:

Date: Signed:

Please return this form to:

**Traffic Group, Places Directorate: Economy, Waste and Infrastructure,
Wigan Council, PO Box 100, Wigan, WN1 3DS.**

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Declaration not to obstruct public footway

I
(Name)

of
(Address)
.....
.....

I declare I will:

- Access and exit the driveway, in accordance with the advice given in the Highway Code.
- Ensure that any vehicle parked on my drive at the above address will not overhang the adopted footway and cause obstruction.
- Reduce the height of any hedge, fence or trees to 0.9m to a distance of 2.4m from the side of my driveway.

I am aware that obstructing the footway in this manner is an offence under the Highways Act 1980.

I am also aware that failure to abide by this declaration would result in the council rescinding permission and the footway being returned to its present state at my expense.

I will inform future occupiers of this declaration.

Signed:

Dated:

**Construction of domestic vehicle crossing over footways and verges
Standard charges**

The council has a set of standard charges for the construction of a domestic vehicle crossing and these are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Item No.	Type of Work	Standard Charges
1	Standard Ramp Construction	£62.22/m of kerb adjusted
2	Excavation and construction beyond ramp area	£37.23/sq m
3	Reconstruct bitmac beyond ramp area	£37.23/sq m
4	Relay flags beyond ramp area	£15.20sq m
5	Provision of edging kerbs	£9.69/m
6	Re-siting street furniture, removal of street trees etc.	At actual costs
7	Administration/Supervision charge	£27.44
8	Administration/Cancellation fee	£27.44

Estimating the cost of a domestic vehicle crossing

(a) Standard ramp construction crossing

This involves the adjustment of the kerbs and forming a ramp of approximately 0.9 m depth to give a slope of approximately 1 in 12.

To calculate approximate cost

- 1 Measure the width between your gate posts in metres
- 2 Add 2 metres to this width
- 3 Multiply this total width by £62.22
- 4 Add £27.44 to the cost

Example

- 1 Width between gateposts... say 2.5 metres
- 2 Add 2 metres giving 4.5 metres
- 3 Multiply 4.5 metres by £62.22 which equals £279.99
- 4 Add £27.44 giving a total cost of £307.43

(b) Crossing constructed over highway grass verge

To calculate approximate cost

- 1 Calculate cost of standard ramp as shown above in **(a)** steps 1 to 4
- 2 Measure depth of grass verge from back of ramp i.e. 0.9 m from back of kerb up to a maximum of 3 metres
(n.b. charges for crossing housing grass verges will need to be agreed with Wigan and Leigh Housing)
- 3 Multiply width of gate posts by the length of grass verge
- 4 Multiply this total area by £37.23
- 5 Multiply depth of grass by 2 and then multiply by £9.69 to give the cost of edging kerb
- 6 Add cost calculated in 1, 4 and 5 together, to give the total cost

Example

- 1 Standard ramp as shown in **(a)** total cost £307.43
- 2 Depth of grass verge say 4.5 metres applicant pays for only 3 metres depth of verge. (If say depth of grass verge is 2.4 metres deduct 0.9 metres, applicant pays for 1.65 metres depth of verge)
- 3 Width of gate posts 2.5 metres multiplied by 3 metres equals 7.5 square metres
- 4 7.5 multiplied by £37.23 equals £279.23
- 5 Provision of edging kerbs 2 sides multiplied by 3 metres multiplied by £9.69 equals £58.14
- 6 Add £307.43 plus £279.23 plus £58.14 giving a total cost of £644.80

Note

In addition, if it is necessary to strengthen the footway behind the ramp this work will be charged at the appropriate rates shown in **Table 1** above.

An estimate of the cost of re-siting any street furniture etc. can be obtained by contacting the area engineer on 01942-404364 but you are reminded that actual costs will be charged. It would be helpful if you inform us as early as possible of any such obstructions to the construction of the crossing.

It is important to realise that these examples are intended as a rough guide only.

Actual site conditions will determine the exact dimensions of the crossing.

Guidance for Householders on the paving of front gardens

If you are planning to lay out a hard surface at the front of your property in connection with your proposed dropped kerb you will need to consider the following.

The legislation allows householders to pave their front gardens with a hard standing subject to the following restriction.

Any new or replacement hard standing exceeding 5 square metres in area would require planning permission unless:

either the new driveway is constructed using permeable surfaces such as porous asphalt or gravel, or provision is made to direct run-off water from the hard surface to a permeable or porous area or surface within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.

The Environmental Agency has published a useful document which gives more information on the types of materials that are acceptable. The document is entitled "Guidance on the permeable surfacing of front gardens" and this can be downloaded at www.communities.gov.uk.

If you need any further guidance or confirmation as to whether planning permission is needed, please speak to the validation team in the Technical Support Section on 01942 489146, 01942 489147, 01942 489148.