

## **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 dwelling house.

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](http://www.communities.gov.uk).

If you need any further guidance or confirmation as to whether planning permission is needed, please email [planningrepresentations@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:planningrepresentations@wigan.gov.uk)