

Parking management and Civil Parking Enforcement - Suffolk

Suffolk County Council is the local Highway Authority and [Suffolk Highways](#) manages the local highway network in Suffolk. Numerous pieces of legislation apply for highways management and Statutory Instrument '2020 No. 14 - [The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions Designation Order 2020](#)' enables Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) to be administered across Suffolk.

Suffolk County Council has delegated 'functions' to District Councils enabling them to administer CPE on SCC's behalf in their districts. The CPE service includes:

- the patrolling of on-street regulations serving Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) where necessary in order to encourage driver compliance of regulations; and
- the processing of PCNs in accordance with the [statutory process](#) which includes the consideration of 'appeals' and the collection of penalty charges and road traffic debt.

Many drivers follow the rules and highway laws set out in the Department for Transport's publications of [The Highway Code](#); [Know your traffic signs](#) and where applicable the [Blue Badge scheme: rights and responsibilities in England booklet](#), but those who do not, risk receiving a PCN.

Civil Parking Enforcement - Babergh

Civil Parking Enforcement powers in Suffolk, moved from the Police to Suffolk County Council on 6 April 2020, with the aim of driving down unlawful parking.

These powers have been passed down to district and borough authorities to enforce in their own areas, and in Ipswich it has been in operation since 2005.

We've included all the key information and links you need regarding our districts below.

What is CPE?

CPE gives local authorities, like ours, the power to enforce against [illegal parking](#) based on [existing traffic regulations](#), aiming to promote better and safer parking.

This process means illegal parking becomes a civil offence.

It applies to both on-street parking (roads and highways) and off-street parking (public car parks run by the local authority).

Bad parking can impact local areas, delaying services such as waste collections. CPE plays an important role in keeping our roads safe and clear for priority vehicles such as ambulances, police cars, fire engines as well as our waste trucks and other road traffic to get through easily and avoid unnecessary delays, which in some cases may save someone's life.

What are the benefits of CPE?

- These include:
 - greater priority given to parking management locally, to help keep traffic moving
 - district and borough councils empowered to make local decisions in collaboration with town and parish councils on parking to suit their constituents and local circumstances
 - irresponsible and nuisance parking being enforced – supporting pedestrians, vulnerable road users, public transport services, drivers and emergency services to use the network more safely
 - fines associated with parking will be retained in Suffolk – so local towns and parishes can benefit from improved local infrastructure
 - new jobs created county-wide to support parking management, patrols and enforcement

How is CPE managed in our area?

For Stratford St Mary, Ipswich Borough Council will manage CPE on behalf of Suffolk County and Babergh District, Councils.

See link below:

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/report-parking-problem>