

Copy of E-mail Received from Officer at Kent Police

Good Afternoon,

I am the local Officer for Sheerness and was made aware of some parking issues in Strode Crescent, outside The Strode Crescent Baptist Church. There are two marked disabled bays on the road directly outside the front of the church, however on the opposite side of the road there are no restrictions (double yellow lines etc). Because of this, the occupants of an address nearby park their vans and cars there. When no one is parked outside the Church, this does not cause an issue as the road is clear, however as the vans are almost permanently there this leads to no one using the disabled bays for what they are intended for as it would block the road.

I have not had any reports made at the time of anyone trying to park there but being unable to, but I'm sure if anyone wants to use the spaces they are instantly put off as the road would be blocked therefore no one is using them.

Is there any way of enforcing no parking opposite?? I'm at a bit of a loss!

I'll attach an image of the location to hopefully try and show what I mean! The double yellow lines end directly where the van on the left is parked so it does not encroach on them. The silver car on the right has enough room around it for a double buggy and a mobility scooter to easily pass.



Any advice gratefully received!

Regards,

PC ****

Swale Neighbourhood Police

Sheerness and Minster

Copy of E-mail Received from Resident of Strode Crescent

I'm sorry to have to bring this matter to Swale Council's attention again, however, something really needs to be done as now the new refuse collection service will cite poor parking as a reason for non-collection of refuse.

There is a gentleman who parks several vehicles in the Strode Crescent- Winstanley Road [.....]

Parking enforcement have attended on several occasions and issued tickets and clamped vehicles but this has no detrimental effect.

The infringements fall into several categories.

1. Vehicles parked with no numberplate
2. Vehicles parked in 2 disabled bays
3. Vehicles parked on yellow lines.
4. Vehicles parked on the footpath
5. Vehicles parked that have large parts of bodywork removed also with no numberplate.

In respect of vehicles with no numberplate, the police have attended, had a look and nothing further done.

Vehicles parked on the yellow band cause access problems for emergency vehicle access. There is a young disabled child who is picked up by special minibus sized vehicle and this often has access problems. Likewise I myself have a special minibus sized vehicle pick me up due to disability, this too has access problems due to vehicles parking on yellow lines.

The other categories require stronger vehicle enforcement. Vehicles that have previously been ticketed/clamped have been subsequently been observed with their numberplate removed.

Is it possible that parking enforcement can liaise with the police at a higher level in an effort to get this area cleared of nuisance vehicles, possibly by uplifting them, as other means are proving ineffective.