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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 24 February regarding Petition P-05-935 Ban Pavement Parking - Pavement Promise.

Parking on footways or pavements is only currently prohibited for large goods vehicles across Wales. It was therefore decided to set up the Taskforce to see what could be done to prohibit all vehicles using the legislation currently available.

The Group has considered two alternative approaches to enabling enforcement to prevent parking on pavements (footways):

- Primary legislation, which creates a new offence of pavement parking, similar to the legislation introduced recently in Scotland and the long-standing ban in London; and
- Secondary Legislation, by using the offence of unnecessary obstruction to the highway to the list of parking contraventions that can be enforced against by local authority Civil Enforcement Officers under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The Taskforce Group is due to recommend the best approach and report on the rest of its findings this summer. The Group is made up of several stakeholders who all have valuable experience in this area and I have provided a detailed list on the next page.

At the present time only the police have powers to deal with matters such as obstruction and dangerous parking. If your petitioners have any concerns regarding parked vehicles causing an obstruction on a public road they can report it the Police by calling 101, the police non-emergency number.

Yours sincerely

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Member Organisations:

- Welsh Government
- Welsh Local Government Association
- British Parking Association
- Living Streets
- Police
- Guide Dogs
- Confederation of Passenger Transport UK
- Road Haulage Association
- University of the West of England (Bristol)
- Federation of Small Businesses
- PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations outside London) Joint Committee
- Freight Transport Association
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Public Health Wales
- Sustrans
- Disability Wales
- Traffic Penalty Tribunal for England and Wales
- Four Local Authority Regional Representatives