

Vehicle Crossovers / Dropped Kerbs (VXOs)



It is an offence to drive over the pavement to park on a private property without a legally constructed vehicle crossover.

Domestic Crossovers

Where possible, the council will construct a crossover outside your property at your request. Please be aware that you will be charged for this service - see below.

In some locations and in certain situations, planning or other permissions may be required so it is important to read all the information and guidance which is available on the Council web site before applying. The application form is also available to download on the website but you can get a paper-copy by emailing: crossovers@enfield.gov.uk or phoning: 020 8379 2211. You should not start work until you have received approval.

Some of the key points are:

ROAD SAFETY:

- A crossover application is unlikely to be approved if manoeuvring onto or off the highway may be hazardous, e.g. near a junction or within school entrance markings, etc.

WIDTH:

- You may apply for any size crossover width between the minimum 2.4m and maximum 4.8m widths. (However, we do not cut paving slabs for crossover construction.)
- The width of the access to the parking area on your property must match the width of the crossover at the property boundary.

NUMBER:

- Only one crossover will normally be permitted per property.

HARDSTANDING: drainage

- You should use a suitable material or design which will allow the rainwater to drain into the land within your boundaries.

HARDSTANDING: size

- The parking area should normally measure 2.4 metres wide by 4.8 metres deep. This depth will ensure most cars currently on the market do not overhang the pavement. It is the vehicle owner's responsibility to ensure their vehicle does not overhang the pavement as this may be considered in law to be wilful obstruction, an offence which may be enforced against by the Council.

HARDSTANDING: design

- Front gardens contribute to the greening and quality of the street scene and help to support wildlife. You should aim to retain existing greenery on your property and enhance plant cover where possible.

OTHER THINGS THAT WILL AFFECT AN APPLICATION:

- Existing street furniture such as lamp posts,
- Street tree, shrubs and verges; the council is likely to refuse any application which involves the loss of, or damage to, a street tree.
- Parking arrangements in your road, e.g. CPZs, on-street parking bays, disabled bays.

BEWARE – DO NOT COMPARE!

Existing crossovers which do not meet the current criteria will have been constructed before these criteria were adopted by the Council and do not set a precedent when assessing new applications in the same street.

COSTS: September 2015 onwards

| VEHICLE CROSSOVER | |
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| Application Fee – non-refundable (No application fee is required for works to improve a disabled person's access to a public building, or to improve their access, safety, health or comfort at their own home. You will need to provide a copy of your Blue Badge confirming this with your application.) | £166.00 |
| The application fee includes up to three site visits; at least one is to assess your application and, if approved, a second will be to carry out a works check if required. If any more than three visits are required, these will be charged per half hour of officer time | £30.00 |
| Construction per square metre | £195.00 |
| Vehicle Crossover Planning Application Fee (where necessary). | £172.00 |
| Provision of a vehicle crossover when constructed as part of a planned footway reconstruction scheme - (20% discount on full price shown above) per square metre NB. Crossover specification to comply with scheme construction. There will be no discount where it is identified that a resident is crossing the footway illegally and contributing to damage to the pavement. | £156.00 |
| Removal/Replanting of a Shrub Bed per square metre | £67.00 |
| Application to request a tree removal in accordance with the Tree Strategy | £150.00 |
| Removal of Disabled Parking Bay NB. Should the disabled bay no longer be required due to the death of the applicant, or the applicant has moved, there is currently no charge. Otherwise the charge opposite applies. | £226.00 |
| Removal/Remarking of a Parking Bay | £226.00 |
| Relocation of a Traffic Sign | £144.00 |
| Cost associated with amending a Traffic Management Order to facilitate a vehicle crossover in a CPZ | £128.00 |
| White Line Entrance Marking / Renewal of a White Line Entrance Marking | £137.00 |

N.B.

- If you are registered disabled you will only be charged for construction work, not for the application if you provide a copy of the front and back of your blue badge.
- If a pavement renewal scheme is going to take place in the area, you may be able to have your cross-over constructed more cheaply.

This is only a summary of some of the key points on this subject.

To be sure you have all the current information, you should look at the Council web site: http://www.enfield.gov.uk/info/100000625/pavements/360/vehicle_crossovers_dropped_kerbs or search for 'Enfield Council' and 'dropped kerbs'.