



NOTICE TO DRIVERS

Several complaints have been received with regard to parking in the area of Firrhill High School and the new football pitches in Oxgangs Road North. This has been specified as evenings when training and matches are ongoing at the football pitches.

I would like this opportunity to be used to remind all vehicle users of the very real dangers posed to both pedestrians and other road users by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles.

In particular, I refer three specific issues.

1. **Parking on the pavement.** This is a dangerous practice that can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, including wheelchair users, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs.
2. **Parking on the roadway** whereby the circumstances cause a danger to other road users.
3. **Inconsiderate parking** can also cause danger by reducing other drivers and pedestrians' visibility and make access for Emergency Vehicles difficult.

As I am sure you are aware, these examples of dangerous parking mean the safety of pedestrians, especially children is at risk. Although the majority of vehicle users park responsibly, there are those who choose not to.

All vehicle users should be advised that if their vehicle is found to be parked on the pavement and/or the circumstances constitute an obstruction or a danger to road users, police action will be taken, in the same way if a road traffic offence were being committed.

This could result in the removal of the vehicle, rendering the owner liable to a removal fee and prosecution.

I would thank you for your co-operation in the interests of road safety.

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