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## **SUSPENSION OF PARKING BAYS DURING STREET WORKS & WORKS FOR ROAD PURPOSES**

Works promoters may discover vehicles parked on the site of proposed works in parking bays and informal requests for their removal from vehicle owners may not be successful. Hence, to allow street works and works for road purposes to proceed smoothly, it is essential for works promoters to request a TTRO (Temporary Traffic Regulation Order) or TTRN (Temporary Traffic Restriction Notice – for Emergency Works) suspending any relevant Parking Order, together with physical suspension of the metered bays, in advance of any proposed works. Without such a facility, vehicles could still legally park in the respective metered bays. Works promoters must not attempt to remove parked vehicles from a metered bay. Only the Police or a Traffic Authority has the power to remove illegally parked vehicles.

Local authorities can charge in respect of cost recovery for such TTROs/TTRNs and metered parking bay suspensions under ss.150 to 153 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, and the Local Authorities (Transport Charges) Regulations 1998 SI 1998/948. The LA's powers to designate, charge at, and regulate on street parking places are contained within the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (mainly ss.45-49), with S14 providing the power to temporarily suspend such provisions because of road works or the likelihood of danger to the public.

To clarify the rules and ensure a standard approach to the issue of parking bay suspensions HAUC UK endorses the following statement;

- 1. Because of the need to ensure access to parking bays for proposed works it is essential that works promoters request a temporary TTRO (or TTRN) suspending the parking order and the physical suspension of relevant parking bays. The reasonable costs of these services are chargeable to the works promoter, and should be fully inclusive of any necessary costs for parking deterrence. Consideration should be given to alternative parking arrangements where “Residents” parking bays are affected.**
- 2. Works Promoters may not remove vehicles from a parking bay, whether it is suspended or not. Vehicles may only be removed from a bay by the traffic authority or police.**
- 3. Loss of “revenue” from any suspended parking bay is not payable under any circumstances.**

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