

ESTATE PARKING

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PARKING

- (probably) the most contentious estate management issue
- a problem *everywhere*, not only in Tower Hamlets
- sets...
 - ...car owners against green lobby
 - ...neighbours against neighbours
 - ...residents against non-residents
 - ...residents against landlords
 - ...children against parents



PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE LAND

- different laws and powers apply to public and private land
- public land and highways parking is managed by LBTH and/or Police
- housing association estates are private land



ESTATE PARKING

each Housing Association has its own parking policy

generally, includes:

- charges (free for resident blue badge holders)
- enforcement by an accredited contractor



PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012

Deals with...

- Biometric Data
- CCTV
- Counter Terrorism
- Criminal Records
- Data Protection
- People Trafficking
- Police and Criminal Evidence
- Powers of Entry
- RIPA
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups
- Stalking

...and parking



Protection of
Freedom Act 2012

PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012

Chapter 2: Vehicles left on land *Offence of immobilising etc. vehicles*

“(1)A person commits an offence who...

(a) immobilises a motor vehicle by the attachment to the vehicle, or a part of it, of an immobilising device, or

(b) moves, or restricts the movement of, such a vehicle by any means...”



ENFORCEMENT

- relies on laws of contract and trespass
- drivers considered to have accepted terms and sanctions if there's adequate signage
- breach of tenancy/lease
- civil injunctions



ON THE GROUND

- physical/verbal abuse
 - residents
 - staff and contractors
- new statutory code (currently under Govt. review)
 - 'grace' period
 - reduced max. penalty charge
 - reduced debt collection fee
 - 'appeals charter'
- vandalised signs
 - no signs, no penalty charge

