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Many conflicts between neighbours arise as the result of disputes over parked cars.

The law

As long as your vehicle is taxed and you are not contravening any other traffic laws you are allowed to park anywhere on the public highway where it is legal to do so.

Parking outside your own house

The highway is owned by all and anyone has the right to park outside your house as long as there are no legal parking restrictions in force. There is an unwritten rule that people park outside their own house but there is no legal right to do so. If you have an issue the only way to solve it is to have a friendly chat with the other person.

Parking restrictions

Parking restrictions are enforced by the South Essex Parking Partnership. They can only enforce parking infringements that have been put in place by them or the County Council. They cannot intervene in disputes between neighbours.

Residents Parking Permit Schemes

The South Essex Parking Partnership are also responsible for Residents Parking Permit schemes. You should contact them in relation to these schemes. If you or your neighbours are considering approaching the Partnership about the implementation of a scheme in your area you should be aware of the pitfalls of such a scheme

- The scheme will apply to everyone, including your visitors.
- Workmen that need to visit your house will have problems.
- Once a scheme is in place it is not easy to get it removed
- It does not guarantee that you will be able to park in your street

The South Essex Parking Partnership can be contacted at:

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