

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a moving traffic offence?

Moving traffic enforcement is a way of managing moving traffic behaviours by enforcing fines and penalty charge notices for motorists that breach the restrictions that are in place.

Examples of moving traffic offences that can be enforced under the new powers include:

- undertaking banned turns
- driving through a 'No Entry' sign
- driving in a route permitted for buses and taxis only
- driving through a school street, pedestrian and cycle zone
- entering a yellow box junction when the exit is not clear

A full list of enforceable traffic signs can be viewed here. [Annex A: traffic signs subject to moving traffic enforcement \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674422/Annex_A_traffic_signs_subject_to_moving_traffic_enforcement.pdf)

How will the council enforce these offences?

If our application to Government is approved, we will use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. The cameras will be installed at the sites to be enforced and Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) will be issued by post to the registered keeper of the vehicle.

What is the reason behind undertaking moving traffic enforcement?

The Council has a duty to make sure traffic moves freely and quickly on our roads. By undertaking moving traffic enforcement, we are carrying out this duty. Our primary reasons for enforcing remain:

- Make roads safer for those walking and cycling
- Reduce congestion
- Improve journey times
- Improve air quality, supporting our zero-carbon target

- Increased safety and cleaner air around schools – camera enforced school streets schemes are proven to have a positive effect
- Reallocation and saving of police time

Why are you consulting the public on the powers to adopt moving traffic offences?

We want to make sure that our plans reflect the views of the community where the changes will be implemented.

Is there a specific location (or multiple locations) where the enforcement will take place?

If our application to Government is approved and we are granted the powers from the Department for Transport, the council will be able to enforce moving traffic restrictions anywhere in Sefton.

Initially, we are suggesting that the following locations are included in our application to Government;

Hastings Road (Greenbank High School) and Windy Harbour Road (Birkdale High School) in Southport to help support the trial School Streets scheme at these locations. We are also suggesting enforcement of the pedestrian only zone on Stanley Road in Bootle to make it safer, easier and more accessible for people to get to shops in and around the Strand Shopping Centre.

We will listen to your views about each location and decide as to which locations to include in our application to Government. We will let you know which ones are being included.

Why have these locations been chosen?

Hastings Road and Windy Harbour Road in Southport have been chosen to help to support enforcement of trial School Streets at Greenbank High School and Birkdale High School in Southport, which are our first School Street schemes in Sefton. As part of the schemes, there are signs in place to advise motorists about the traffic restrictions which are in place. of the traffic restrictions in place at these locations. By considering these locations, the council will be able to provide enforcement and therefore additional support to the schemes.

Stanley Road has been chosen to ensure the area around the Strand is kept as clear of vehicles as possible and to deter motorists from using it as a short cut.

Will there be better road markings and signs to make people aware of the changes?

To enforce Moving Traffic Offences there are rules or regulations set out by the Government which tell us what we need to do to make sure road users know about the restrictions. The rules or regulations tell us the number of signs we need to have and what they need to look like and say.

All street and road signs will be looked at to make sure that they meet the rule or regulations.

What is the enforcement penalty?

A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) will be issued for Moving Traffic Offences.

The penalty will be £70, however, this will be reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.

Following DfT (Department for Transport) guidelines, there will be a six-month warning notice period where no fines will be issued for first time non-compliance.

Will this cost me money?

No, this will only cost the motorist money if they are served a fixed penalty notice for not complying with the new restrictions.

What will happen to the income generated by fines?

Any income from fines will be used:

To pay for the cost of enforcement, any extra being used to pay for things which have been set out by Government which could include;

- public transport provision.
- to pay for highway improvement projects.
- to pay for environmental improvements in the Council's area.

How do I suggest another location?

You can use the survey to suggest other locations where we could look to enforce Moving Traffic Offences.

We are encouraging residents to tell us which other areas in Sefton this may benefit as we are confident that this enforcement will help to make roads safer for those walking and cycling, reduce congestion and improve journey times as well as air quality.

Any locations suggested will be looked into to see if they are suitable and, should our application to Government be successful we will look to include those locations at a later date.

Could these powers be applied to cycle lanes in the future?

Yes, these powers could be used to enforce mandatory cycle lanes. We will look at this as part of future phases. If there are any locations that you feel may benefit from this, please tell us.

Can more speed cameras be added?

Speeding is a criminal offence and is enforced by Merseyside Police, not by the Council. Moving traffic restrictions (such as banned turning movements, yellow box junctions etc) are classed as civil offences, we are asking your views on our suggested locations for enforcement.

Why aren't you enforcing against pavement parking?

The Council is waiting for the Government to release new guidance and legislation around tackling pavement parking.