

Observation period for parking enforcement.

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Before issuing a penalty charge notice, civil enforcement officers are required to observe a vehicle in order to establish specific activities. For example in a resident only bay an observation period is required to check if loading and unloading is taking place. If it is a PCN would not be issued as loading and unloading is allowed in a resident bay without a permit for as long as necessary.

Some observations are required to be continuous, in which case the enforcement officer cannot leave the vehicle and have to observe it for the total time specified; whereas other observations can be casual where an enforcement officer can make a note of the vehicle in contravention and come back later and if still in contravention may then issue a penalty charge notice.

Below are a list of contraventions, their observation times and if this is to be continuous or casual

ON STREET

Contravention code	Statutory Contravention Description	Type of Observation	Observation period
01	Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours	Continuous	5 mins
02	Parked or loading / unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading / unloading restrictions are in force	Continuous	Instant
04	Parked in a meter bay when penalty time is indicated	Not enforced as no meters in Havering	Not enforced as no meters in Havering
05	Parked after the expiry of paid for time	casual	10 mins (instant if expiry time longer than 10 mins)
06	Parked without clearly displaying a valid pay & display ticket or voucher	Casual	5 mins

07	Parked with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time	Not enforced in Havering	Not enforced in Havering
08	Parked at an out-of-order meter during controlled hours	Not currently enforced in Havering (no Electronic meters)	Not currently enforced in Havering (no Electronic meters)
09	Parked displaying multiple pay & display tickets where prohibited	Not enforced in havering	Not enforced in havering
10	Parked without clearly displaying two valid pay and display tickets when required	Not enforced in havering	Not enforced in havering
11	Parked without payment of the parking charge	Casual	5 mins
12	Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket issued for that place where required, or without payment of the parking charge	Casual	5 mins
13	----- RESERVED FOR TfL USE (LOW EMISSION ZONE) -----		
14	Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging	Continuous	Instant
16	Parked in a permit space or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required	Casual	5 mins
17	----- RESERVED FOR ROAD USER CHARGING USE -----		
18	Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited	Casual	5 mins
19	Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone with an invalid virtual permit or displaying an invalid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket, or after the expiry of paid for time	Casual	5 mins

20	Parked in a part of a parking place marked by a yellow line where waiting is prohibited	Casual	5 mins
21	Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space	Instant	Instant
22	Re-parked in the same parking place or zone within one hour after leaving	casual	5 mins
23	Parked in a parking place or area not designated for that class of vehicle	Instant	Instant
24	Not parked correctly within the markings of the bay or space	Instant	Instant
25	Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading	Continuous	5 mins
26	Parked in a special enforcement area more than 50 cm from the edge of the carriageway and not within a designated parking place	Instant	Instant
27	Parked in a special enforcement area adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge lowered to meet the level of the carriageway	Casual	Instant (resident request)
28	Parked in a special enforcement area on part of the carriageway raised to meet the level of a footway, cycle track or verge	Instant	Instant
29	Failing to comply with a one-way restriction	CCTV	Instant
30	Parked for longer than permitted	Casual	10 mins
31	Entering and stopping in a box junction when prohibited	CCTV	Instant
32	Failing to drive in the direction shown by the arrow on a blue sign	CCTV	Instant
33	Using a route restricted to certain vehicles	CCTV	Instant
34	Being in a bus lane	CCTV	Instant
35	Parked in a disc parking place without clearly displaying a valid disc	Casual	5 mins
36	Being in a mandatory cycle lane	Wales Only	
37	Failing to give way to oncoming vehicles	CCTV	Instant

38	Failing to comply with a sign indicating that vehicular traffic must pass to the specified side of the sign	CCTV	Instant
39	----- RESERVED FOR TfL USE (ULTRA LOW EMISSION ZONE) -----		
40	Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner	Instant	Instant
41	Stopped in a parking place designated for diplomatic vehicles	Instant (not enforced in Havering as no diplomatic bays)	Instant
42	Parked in a parking place designated for police vehicles	Instant	Instant
43	Stopped on a cycle docking station parking place	Instant (not enforced in Havering as no docking stations)	Instant
45	Stopped on a taxi rank	Instant	Instant
46	Stopped where prohibited (on a red route or clearway)	Instant	Instant
47	Stopped on a restricted bus stop or stand	Instant	Instant
48	Stopped in a restricted area outside a school, a hospital or a fire, police or ambulance station when prohibited	Instant	Instant
49	Parked wholly or partly on a cycle track or lane	Instant (not enforced in havering as no mandatory lanes)	Instant (not enforced in havering as no mandatory lanes)
50	Performing a prohibited turn	CCTV	Instant
51	Failing to comply with a no entry restriction	CCTV	Instant
52	Failing to comply with a prohibition on certain types of vehicle	CCTV	Instant
53	Failing to comply with a restriction on vehicles entering a pedestrian zone	CCTV	Instant

54	Failing to comply with a restriction on vehicles entering and waiting in a pedestrian zone	CCTV	Instant
55	A commercial vehicle parked in a restricted street in contravention of the Overnight Waiting Ban	Casual	5 mins
56	Parked in contravention of a commercial vehicle waiting restriction	Casual	5 mins
57	Parked in contravention of a bus ban	Casual	5 mins
58	Using a vehicle on a restricted street during prescribed hours without a valid permit	Not enforceable in Havering as opted out of scheme	Not enforceable in Havering as opted out of scheme
59	Using a vehicle on a restricted street during prescribed hours in breach of permit conditions	Not enforceable in Havering as opted out of scheme	Not enforceable in Havering as opted out of scheme
61	A heavy commercial vehicle wholly or partly parked on a footway, verge or land between two carriageways	Instant	Instant
62	Parked with one or more wheels on or over a footpath or any part of a road other than a carriageway	Instant	Instant
63	Parked with engine running where prohibited	Not currently enforced in Havering	Not currently enforced in Havering
64	Parked in contravention of a notice prohibiting leaving vehicles on a grass verge, garden, lawn or green maintained by a local authority	Not enforced Essex only	Not enforced Essex only
65	Parked in contravention of a notice prohibiting leaving vehicles on land laid out as a public garden or used for the purpose of public recreation	Not enforced Essex only	Not enforced Essex only
66	Parked on a verge, central reservation or footway comprised in an urban road	Not enforced, Exeter only	Not enforced, Exeter only

67	Using a vehicle on a restricted street without a valid safety permit	Not enforced in Havering	Not enforced in Havering
72	--- RESERVED FOR BUILDERS' SKIPS CONTRAVENTIONS ---		
75	--- RESERVED FOR LITTERING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES ---		
76	-- RESERVED FOR WASTE RECEPTACLE CONTRAVENTIONS --		
99	Stopped on a pedestrian crossing or crossing area marked by zigzags	Instant	Instant

Off-Street

70	Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading	Casual	5 mins
71	Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging	Not currently enforced in Havering as no charging points	Not currently enforced in Havering as no charging points
73	Parked without payment of the parking charge	Casual	5 mins
74	Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited	Casual	5 mins
77	--- RESERVED FOR DVLA USE ---		
80	Parked for longer than permitted	Casual	10 mins
81	Parked in a restricted area in a car park	Casual	Instant
82	Parked after the expiry of paid for time	Casual	10 minutes statutory, unless 10 minutes already expired then instant
83	Parked in a car park without clearly displaying a valid pay & display ticket or voucher or parking clock	Casual	5 mins

84	Parked with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time	Not enforced in Havering	Not enforced in Havering
85	Parked without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required	Casual	5 mins
86	Not parked correctly within the markings of a bay or space	Instant	Instant
87	Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner	Instant	Instant
89	Vehicle parked exceeds maximum weight or height or length permitted	Instant	Instant
90	Re-parked in the same car park within one hour after leaving	Casual	Instant
91	Parked in a car park or area not designated for that class of vehicle	Instant	Instant
92	Parked causing an obstruction	Instant	Instant
93	Parked in car park when closed	Instant	Instant
94	Parked in a pay & display car park without clearly displaying two valid pay and display tickets when required	Not enforced in Havering	Not enforced in havering
95	Parked in a parking place for a purpose other than that designated	Continuous	Instant
96	Parked with engine running where prohibited	Not enforced in Havering	Not enforced in Havering