



31 January 2015

Ms Moya Greene
Chief Executive Officer
Royal Mail plc
100 Victoria Embankment
London EC4Y 0HQ

Dear Ms Greene,

Re illegal parking on pavements by Royal Mail vehicles

I am writing on behalf of Wirral Pedestrians Association to ask for the help of Royal Mail in tackling the threat to pedestrians' access and safety from illegal parking on pavements.

I am writing to you because your company's vehicles have been seen parked on Merseyside pavements on more than one occasion - for example, see the attached photographs taken over the last 12 months.

Parking on pavements is illegal, due to it being an offence to drive on to a footway to park; the exceptions are emergency situations or where parking on a particular pavement has been legalised by a Traffic Regulation Order. The text from the Merseyside Police website is appended.

Illegal parking on pavements is an increasing problem in Merseyside, and it is causing major problems for those with visual impairment and other disabilities, and footways are being seriously damaged as they have not been constructed to take the weight of motor vehicles. The RNIB, Guide Dogs, Leonard Cheshire Disability, and several other related groups are all campaigning for effective action to stop the practice.

Vehicles on pavements also confuse the road safety message that children should stay on pavements and not go on the road - vehicles on pavements turn pavements into part of the road.

I hope that you will agree to help by insisting that in future, Royal Mail vehicles are parked legally.

I look forward to your reply; please use the following email address:
wirralpedestrians@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Campbell, Secretary, Wirral Pedestrians Association,
www.wirralpedestrians.org.uk

Text from Merseyside Police website:

“Can I park on the pavement?”

“It is an offence to drive onto a pavement and an offence to cause obstruction to other road users, including pedestrians. Vehicles causing obstruction may be issued with a fixed penalty notice and in some cases removed at the owner's expense.

“Drivers are asked to have regard to pedestrians, particularly pram and wheelchair users and those who are disabled and partially sighted when parking their vehicles”

Royal Mail vehicles parked illegally on Merseyside pavements:

