



Response Date:30/07/2026

2026/713 - Purported Police Authorisation for DVSA parking violations on A55

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am contacting you to seek formal clarification regarding operational boundaries and purported agreements between North Wales Police and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency DVSA

Following an ongoing formal complaint and dispute regarding DVSA field agents parking and waiting on white chevron/ hatched markings and red painted tarmac with white hatched markings on live slip roads (specifically at junction 33a Northop Hall and Aston Hill westbound entry

They are also using the area on top of slip road over railway tracks at dobshell westbound/ Buckley junction North Wales expressway

Immediately On exit from Whylfa roundabout in concrete drain channel east bound A494 Mold bypass

Having been in discussion with the DVSA for over 2 years regarding this matter the DVSA public liaison team have formally stated in writing on at least 5 no occasions that they possess " historical permission from North Wales police to utilise these live trunk road areas for static parking and waiting monitoring

The DVSA also states this permission and agreement was awarded to the DVSA by North Wales police over 20 years ago

As a local motorist I am highly concerned by this statement

Could you please therefore clarify the following

- 1) Does North Wales police hold any active Service Level agreement (SLA) or memorandum of understanding that purports to grant unescorted DVSA field agents a blanket waiver to contravene the Road traffic regulation act 1984 or Trunk road clearway orders on the A55 and the 2 no other locations**
- 2) Does the force endorse the practice of third party agency vehicles parking statically on live, hatched highway slip road bends and other areas without police presence or immediate emergency justification**
- 3)Have North Wales police ever given the DVSA exemption from the following**
 - a) Highway Code rule 130**
 - b) Highway Code rule 240**

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c) Highway Code rule 243

4) Have North Wales police force ever gifted statutory exemptions that apply specifically to police to DVSA field agents and vehicles

5) Have north Wales police ever given the DVSA written authority permission to park and wait whilst carrying out enforcement duties at the 4 no locations mentioned above

Either recently or historically

6) Have North Wales police force ever entered a formal or active service level agreement or memorandum of understanding with the DVSA that authorises unescorted parking and waiting inside live trunk road clearway zones and other areas that contravene the Road traffic act 1984

7) DVSA explicitly state that the four number parking areas in question have been officially individually approved by the Highway authority and north Wales police and there own health and safety guidelines dictate how they use these areas safely Could you please confirm the veracity of this statement

If no such legal mechanism or permission exists to waive these statutory rules , I request that this operational hazard be logged and addressed with the regional DVSA deployment manager to ensure public safety is maintained and any illegal practices are investigated and stopped

The law applies consistently regardless of historical bad habits

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to your request.

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