



## OTHA Information Leaflet



### Parking at Oak Tree HA properties

This leaflet gives you some information on the parking that may or may not be available at your property.

This leaflet can be made available in large print, on tape or in an alternative language or format on request.

## Parking Facilities Available

The Association has a wide variety of types of properties – traditional tenement flats, newbuild flats and houses and older style cottages.

The parking provision available will depend on the type and location of the property and it may be something you want to consider when thinking about taking an Association property, or moving to a different one if you are already a tenant.

### Tenement properties

As you would expect, very rarely would this type of property have any parking facilities provided.

In busy areas such as the West Station there can be a shortage of spaces and in some cases there may be parking restrictions in place.



### Newbuild flats

When a new block of flats is built, there is generally now a planning requirement for car parking to be made available. This is not always the case – it depends on the location (the new flats in West Blackhall Street do not have a car park).

Generally there will be sufficient spaces for all the flats (one space per flat) but spaces will not be allocated to specific flat locations so spaces will be taken on a first come first served basis.

There may be spaces marked for use by disabled residents in the car park and the Association would expect that only blue badge holders would park there.



In all cases, the Association would ask residents to park considerately and ask any visitors to the property to do the same.

Please note that the Association will discourage the use of the car parks by others, however, our past experience confirms that this is difficult to achieve and others may therefore use the parking areas without prior consent. Unfortunately we have no control or influence over any car user who does this.

### Newbuild houses

The Association would always try to incorporate off street parking or a driveway when building new houses. In some developments there may also be visitor spaces provided.

Because of the shape of the street e.g. a cul-de-sac the access to the driveways may mean that there is very little space for parking on the street. Care needs to be taken to make sure that your car is not blocking the access to and from another resident's drive.



### Traditional Cottages

Some of our housing stock was built in the 1950s and 1960s when car ownership was not as widespread as it is now. Very few of the houses built at this time had driveways and sometimes the narrowness of the streets mean that parking can be difficult. An example of this is in Branchton and Fancy Farm.



### Disabled Parking

As mentioned previously, some of our new flats have car parks and some spaces have been designated for disabled residents. If you are a blue badge holder and you are finding it difficult to park in one of these bays, please let us know. The Association may decide to allocate additional bays **but this is only possible if there is a genuine shortage of spaces and it doesn't decrease the overall number of spaces available.**

It may be possible to obtain a marked bay in the street but this would need to be carried out by Inverclyde Council and they would need to approve any request.

### **Problems with Parking**

The Association has always taken a consistent approach with every development where parking is provided. We will take reasonable steps to try and stop car parks being used by non-residents but we will not "police" the car parks.

We will not erect barriers to restrict entry to the car park and we have no powers to stop anyone who doesn't live there from parking there.

Parking can sometimes be the cause of a neighbour dispute or a formal complaint and we will do our best to resolve the dispute or deal with the complaint but there are limits to what the Association can do to intervene.

We will always ask tenants, residents and visitors to park sensibly and have consideration for others.