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## Advice for householders only, in respect of dropping kerbs

We are no longer able to provide the £25 service responding to enquiries as to whether or not drop kerb crossings require planning permission. However we offer the following advice below :-

If you are proposing to create a new vehicle access into your garden from the highway you will always need to obtain permission from the Highways Maintenance Team of the Council to drop the kerb. In addition you may also need to apply for planning permission.

**For properties on classified roads** (ie. 'A', 'B', or 'C' roads) – If you live on a classified road you will always need to apply for planning permission to drop the kerb to your property.

If you are unsure as to whether or not the road on which you live is classified or unclassified you can check on our [highway control page](#).

Details on how to apply including the applications can be found on the [apply for planning or building regulations page](#).

If you want to find out before making an application whether or not the drop kerb is likely to be granted planning permission, you can apply for pre-application advice. Details of how to apply for this advice is also available via the above link.

**For properties on Unclassified roads** (ie. Housing estate etc) - you do not need to apply for planning permission, unless the creation of the access to your property would involve the loss of a grass verge between your site and the road, or be across an existing car parking court area. If this is the case then planning permission will be required. See the above section and website links for details of how to apply for pre-application advice and/or planning permission.

## Section 184 of the Highways Act 1980

Once you have planning permission or if you do not need it you will always need to contact the Peterborough Highway services - Highways Maintenance Team through [highwaymaintenance@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:highwaymaintenance@peterborough.gov.uk), as permission is required for the works under Section 184 of the Highways Act 1980. The Highways Maintenance Team will supply the relevant application form, provide a preliminary indication of the fee payable and specify the construction details and drawing(s) required. This consent is required to ensure that any proposed crossing does not present a safety hazard to other users of the highway and to ensure that all works are carried out to the appropriate standard.

If you live in a new property where there is a current application in by a developer to have the adjoining road dedicated as public highway under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980, please contact Peterborough Highway Services - Highway Control Team through [HDTeam@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:HDTeam@peterborough.gov.uk) to check how this will affect the planning consent and road adoption application for the site. Failure to do so may prejudice the adoption of the estate roads.