

Environmental Services

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The following is Harrogate Borough Council's (HBC) Environmental Services Unit's policy on abandoned vehicles.

1. What is deemed an abandoned vehicle

- Any vehicle untaxed and appears to be abandoned on the public highway.
- Vehicles on private land are not covered by this policy. Removal on private land is the responsibility of the landowner.
- Information/assistance regarding a suitable removal firm may be provided to such landowners. A charge may be levied for this service.

2. Removal process

- Report received via the Council's Customer Service Team.
- Inspection made and decision reached regarding state of vehicle, if vehicle is in reasonable condition, a 7-day removal notice may be placed on it. A further inspection after 7 days, then removal is recommended.
- If the vehicle is in a poor state (i.e. burnt out) immediate removal is recommended.

3. Contact/tracing registered keeper

- The contractor (specialist removal firm) will make contact with the registered keeper (if the details are known by the DVLA).
- The vehicle will be destroyed to comply with the End of Life Vehicles Directive.

4. DVLA

- The DVLA may choose to crush untaxed vehicles. In such cases customers will be required to liaise directly with the DVLA.

Vehicles registered under the SORN (Statutory off the road notice) with the DVLA must not be kept on the public highway.