

## **Private car parking penalty charges to be capped at £50.00 ... a 50% reduction**

At long last motorists will be better protected against aggressive debt collection and unreasonable fees as the Government announces a private parking penalty cap. The maximum fine in private car parks is to be reduced by 50% and capped at £50.00 for most cases in England and Wales excluding London.

Higher fines up to £100.00 are to remain for more serious offences such as parking in Blue Badge bays. The rules will only apply to private car parks and prices will have to be displayed more clearly and a much fairer system for appeals will have to be introduced as well as drivers having a 10 minute grace period for lateness.

Private parking companies issue around 22,000 parking tickets daily and regularly use completely misleading signage, aggressive debt collection methods and unreasonable fees just designed to extort money from motorists.

Companies who breach the new code could be barred from collecting fines from motorists in the future by having their access to DVLA data removed.

