

Clamping charges curbed

COWBOY car clampers are set to be given the boot! Tough new regulations which could force unscrupulous operators out of business are being fine-tuned in a Government consultation.

A crackdown in 2005 meant clampers had to be licensed, but there are still no rules about what they can charge for and, crucially, how much cash they can demand.

The legislation would set out an official charging structure to which motorists could refer if they thought they were being treated unfairly. The move



Regulations will spell out what operators can charge for and how much

comes as new technology is introduced to make it easier for car park owners to issue tickets. The system from London firm FlashPark means supermarkets, cinemas and other outlets can

fine drivers unwittingly if they break the rules. Staff upload a photograph of the offending car on to the FlashPark website, and a penalty notice is then sent automatically through the post.