

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY APPLICATION NOTES

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Overview

Kent County Council, as traffic authority, has the power to designate part of the highway as an on-street parking place and to control the type of vehicle and the terms and Conditions of its use under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 32 and 35 (RTRA 1984). There are, however, strict legal criteria that must be met in order to qualify for a Disabled Persons Parking Bay (DPPB) to be marked on the public highway.

Therefore, Dartford Borough Council, acting on behalf of Kent County Council can provide parking bays on street for people with severe mobility impairments. Under the legislation these bays can only be provided for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion and will only be considered for people with disabilities, particularly those who have substantial difficulties in walking and parking in the vicinity of their property. It must be noted that these bays are provided under highway law and consideration is given to traffic management and highway conditions. There may be situations where a Disabled Person Parking bay would not be appropriate on street.

A Disabled Persons Parking Bay may only be parked in when transporting a registered disabled person/s, and their valid blue badge must be displayed. Misuse of the bay could lead to a penalty notice being issued and the removal of the bay.

Introducing Bays

Dartford Borough Council has adopted the practice of providing Advisory Disabled Person Parking Bays, free of charge, for those residents meeting the necessary criteria. As the parking bay is advisory, the success of the marking relies on the support of the applicant's neighbours to ensure that the space is kept clear for the applicant.

Whilst civil enforcement of an advisory bay is not carried out, the purpose of the bay is to deter other people from parking in this location, as it makes them aware that a person with mobility problems lives close by and relies on the bay to stay independent.

However, the Council reserves the right to make further amendments on street to permit enforcement – should this become necessary at any stage.

This scheme Dartford Borough Council administers, is purely residential and is designed to allow Blue Badge holders, who have no reasonable off-street parking, the ability to park their vehicles as close to their residences as possible. Separately Dartford Borough Council

provide designated Disabled Person Parking Bays close to the Town Centre and other key locations and amenities borough wide.

It is important to remember that no one has exclusive right to any disabled bay. Any Blue Badge holder may park in any disabled bay with their valid Blue Badge correctly displayed.

Application with all terms and conditions are detailed on Dartford Borough Councils website. <https://www.dartford.gov.uk/parking> - other useful information - Disabled parking

DECLARATION: I declare that all the information I have given in this application is correct and I have enclosed all copies of documentation as required:

- Blue Badge (including number and photograph)
- Proof of receipt of benefits
- Copy of Vehicle Registration Document / Motability Hire Agreement
- Insurance Certificate of the main driver of the vehicle
- UK Driving License of the main driver of the vehicle

1. I acknowledge advisory disabled bays are available for any Blue Badge holder and not for my sole use.

2. Whilst road markings are used to highlight the presence of a Disabled Person Parking Bay, I understand that a signpost and plate may be installed next to the bay notifying the use of the space. I agree, where possible, to have a sign plate notifying the use of the space on my property.

3. I understand that it may be necessary to contact my Medical Practitioner for further details and I therefore give my permission, should this be required.

4. I understand that the bay will be regularly reviewed and may be removed if I no longer meet the required criteria. If my circumstances alter or the bay is no longer required, I will notify Dartford Borough Council immediately.

5. I agree to my information being used as explained below.

6. I have read and understood the attached notes.

Data Protection Statement

Your personal information will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Council will not disclose such information to any unauthorised person or body but where appropriate will use such information in carrying out its various functions and services. The Council may also use this data in connection with the prevention or detection of fraud or other crime.

Signature:

Date: