

### **Process for requesting a non-enforceable Disabled Bays**

In certain specific circumstances, it might be feasible to designate a section of the highway with an advisory disabled parking bay. Such bays are considered to assist residents facing significant health challenges that impact their mobility, allowing them to park closer to their residence.

It's crucial to note that markings provided under this scheme are advisory and lack legal standing. These advisory disabled bays, marked in white, are strategically placed outside or as close as reasonably possible to a disabled person's home. While able-bodied drivers are urged not to use these spaces, there is no legal prohibition, and anyone can park in them. Although these bays are intended for specific individuals, other disabled drivers may also utilise them, and enforcement to ensure exclusive use is not possible.

The administered scheme focuses solely on residential areas, aiming to provide Blue Badge holders with the opportunity to park conveniently near their homes. The scheme does not cater to the needs of individual organisations, and compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 or the Equality Act 2010 is not a part of its scope.

The effectiveness of the advisory parking bay depends on the cooperation of neighbours in keeping the space clear for the applicant. The success of the parking improvement is contingent on the support of neighbours.

#### **Criteria for introducing a non-enforceable disabled parking bay.**

Applicants will only be considered from, or on behalf of, disabled persons living in vehicle-owning household (you will be required to provide a copy of the vehicle registration document), who receives one of the following qualifying allowances:

- Higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance.
- Enhanced rate of mobility component of Personal Independent Payment.
- War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement (WPMS) or Armed Forces Independent Payment (AFIP).

We will also need to consider:

- That the applicant holds a valid disabled driver's Blue Badge.
- Applicants can be any age and do not have to be a driver.
- That there are no waiting restrictions fronting the applicant's address and access/visibility would not be impaired by the provision of the non-enforceable disabled bay.
- In roads here the carriageway is less than 7.5 meters wide the non-enforceable disabled bays will not be located opposite one another and must have a minimum "staggered" space to ensure free passage of all vehicle classes.
- Applicants should not have any parking provisions available within the curtilage of their own property, nor the opportunity to make such provisions, nor have readily available on or off street parking provisions within 25 meters of their property. In these situations, it is not possible to provide restrictive parking on the public highway.

#### **Charges for a non-enforceable disabled parking bay.**

The charge for a non-enforceable disabled parking bay is £250.00 on confirmation of an approved application.

We accept payment by:

- Cheque.
- Secure telephone payment via credit or debit card.

**Other useful information about getting a non-enforceable disabled parking bay.**

What you need to know about getting a non-enforceable disabled bay:

- The applicant will not have exclusive use of the bay, even if the applicant funds the bay themselves. Please note this is an advisory disabled parking bay. It will not be enforceable by law.
- It is available for use by anyone with or without a valid Blue Badge, at any time. The applicant therefore does not have exclusive use of the bay.

**Important Information**

A list of all the non-enforceable disabled bays (including applicants contact details in accordance with GDPR) in the Blackpool borough will be kept. Every five years, the applicant will have to show that the disabled bay is still required. Failure to do so will result in the bay being removed.