

## Criteria for the Provision of Disabled Persons Parking Bays

**The criteria used for assessing applications for the provision of disabled persons parking bays, where the applicant is the driver and blue badge holder, are as follows:**

- The applicant's home does not have a garage, suitable drive or the opportunity to provide off-street parking space (for example, a front garden of sufficient depth for conversion and provision of a vehicle crossover), where there are planning objections to such off street parking or where the cost of the work to provide such parking at a property would be above £1000 (exclusive of the cost of a dropped crossover)<sup>1</sup>
- Parking demand is so severe that a parking space within 50 metres of the applicant's address cannot normally be found for major portion of most days (for example, occasional short lived "invasions" by patrons of places of public use would not normally qualify)
- A parking bay will only be provided where in the opinion of the Highway Authority and the Police, the location is suitable on road safety and traffic flow grounds. It is generally assumed that these sites will be within an area covered by a 20 or 30mph speed limit and a system of street lighting
- A parking bay will not be provided if there is an existing bay within 50 metres of the applicants property on the same side of the road

**Where the applicant is a passenger and a blue badge holder, in addition to the above criteria, the following also applies:**

- The driver should live and have their vehicle registered at the same address as the passenger.
- Passengers will not normally qualify for a parking bay as it is not unreasonable to expect that an able bodied driver, providing it is safe to do so, should double park if necessary to set down the disabled passenger and remove the vehicle afterwards. Although this may entail short term obstruction of the highway, as it is not either "unnecessary" or "wilful" it is unlikely to be considered to constitute an offence.

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<sup>1</sup> This figure will be altered annually in-line with the Government's Consumer Price Index taking January 2011 as the base line".

Exceptions may be made where:

- (a) the passenger is a blue badge holder and the driver cannot stop or park within 50 metres of the passengers premises.
- (b) the passenger requires physical assistance from the driver of the vehicle when entering or leaving the vehicle.
- (c) the passenger is sufficiently mentally or physically incapacitated to necessitate constant attention by the driver.

**Please note the following:**

Disabled person's parking bays will not be provided for:- Dial-a-ride, taxis, ambulances / hospital drivers and the like, for the purposes of picking up or setting down passengers, non-disabled visitors or carers.

It is to be recognised that the bays are not provided for the exclusive use of any particular blue badge holder.