

Appendix A

Proposed Criteria for determining the provision of a Residential Disabled Parking Bay

The proposed criteria for an on-street disabled parking bay at home are:

1. The applicant must be in receipt of the Enhanced Mobility Component of the Personal Independence Payment or the higher rate of mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance or the War Disablement Pensioners Mobility Supplement;
2. The above qualifying Allowances must be valid for a minimum of one year from the date of the application;
3. There must be a regular parking problem in the area, with no reasonable alternative parking available nearby or prospect of creating suitable off-street parking at the disabled person's home.
4. The applicant must be a current Blue Badge Holder and must also be a driver of the vehicle for which an on-street Disabled Parking Bay is requested, or qualify under one of the following exemptions:

Exemptions

- 1) A disabled child aged 16 years or younger who meets the above criteria, where the able-bodied driver, is their parent, guardian or other close relative or full-time carer and resides with them.
- 2) A disabled driver over the age of 65 who does not meet the 1st and 2nd criterion but meets the 3rd and 4th criterion and whose disability restricts mobility beyond walking 20m. Written support is required from the applicant's General Practitioner (Appendix B1) and / or Personal Social Care (Appendix B2)
- 3) A disabled passenger who meets the above criteria, where the able-bodied driver, is their parent, guardian or other close relative or full-time carer and resides with them and:-
 - Where the road characteristics mean there would be no safe area to assist the disabled passenger from the vehicle as assessed by the Highway Authority, or
 - Where on a regular basis the disabled passenger may not be left alone in a safe area for any length of time whilst the vehicle is parked elsewhere. Written support is required from the applicant's General Practitioner (Appendix B1) and / or the Councils adult and social care service (Appendix B2)

A qualifying applicant will be required to advise Lancashire County Council of the times during which the applicant is unable to secure a suitable parking place.

Lancashire County Council will assess parking levels during the specified times. Lancashire County Council will consider the amount of kerbside space that is typically available within a reasonable distance of the applicant's residence.

A number of site visits may be needed to ascertain parking availability.

Reasonable distances will be considered on a case by case basis.

Should it be assessed that there is no or little prospect of an applicant securing a parking place within a reasonable distance of the applicant's residence then a disabled parking bay may be provided.

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All exemption applications will be examined by an appropriately nominated officer whose decision on the validity of the application will be final.

Any appeals to decisions based on criteria or exemption will be determined by Senior Officer. It should be noted that any appeal will not be considered on the basis of the level of the applicant's disability as this has already been assessed by appropriate professionals. Appeals will only be considered against the County Councils residential disabled parking bay policy.

An on-street disabled parking space can NOT be reserved for the exclusive use of an individual and may be used by any other blue badge holder. There is no guarantee the bay will always be available.

Any on-street disabled parking bay will be provided within the vicinity of the disabled driver's home but not necessarily along their frontage. It may be necessary to group bays together when there is more than one in a street.

The views of immediate neighbours on marking out a bay must have been made known to the decision taker. These views will be taken into consideration in making a decision.

If road safety is adversely affected (e.g. by a bend in the road, narrow streets or double white lines) or if there are certain other circumstances (such as waiting restrictions) then this Application may not be granted.

The Police must have no objections to the parking bay, e.g. on the grounds of creating a road safety hazard.

Wherever practicable disabled parking bays will be introduced to the standard enforceable length of 6.6m. Shorter bays will be considered if necessary. All disabled bays will be introduced as advisory only and will not receive enforcement. The County Council may consider formalising the bay through the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) should the need arise through misuse. Bay markings introduced at lengths less than 6.6m can not have a TRO introduced retrospectively.

Where appropriate the investigating officer will have the discretion to limit the aggregated available disabled parking space provision on any given street in order to balance the needs of all residents.

Lancashire County Council must be informed when any residential disabled parking bay is no longer required by the applicant. The county council will aim to carry out a periodic review of residential disabled parking bay provision. As part of this review the original applicants may be contacted to confirm that they still require the bay marking.