

DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING BAY APPLICATION

The increasing demand for parking in the Borough and across the Country has led to difficulties for disabled residents to park close to their homes. Wokingham Borough Council is able to provide on-street Disabled Person's Parking Bays under powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for those residents that have serious mobility difficulties, but only if the bay is warranted and safe to implement. Wokingham Borough Council installs advisory bays which are a courtesy marking only and not enforceable by Thames Valley Police.

Disabled Person's Parking Bays are designated parking places for Blue Badge holders, enabling convenient parking outside their residential premises where parking is a problem. They are not provided to enable visitors, medical or otherwise, to visit a resident.

Wokingham Borough Council requires certain conditions to be met before an application for a Disabled Person's Parking Bay can be authorised.

These are -

- Applicants must have a current and valid Blue Badge
(A photocopy showing both sides of the Badge must be attached to your application. If you are unable to gain access to copying facilities, please contact the Council to arrange an appointment).
- Applicants must be in receipt of the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance. If you are over 65 years of age and therefore not eligible to receive this allowance, evidence of receipt of Attendance Allowance should be attached.
(A photocopy showing confirmation of allowance must also be attached to any application. If you are unable to gain access to copying facilities, please contact the Council to arrange an appointment).
- The applicant must have a vehicle registered to the property in question. Disabled Persons Parking Bays will not be authorised for visitors.
- If an applicant has a driveway or an alternative off-road parking space, the application will be turned down. If the applicant has a separate garage less than 30 metres away from an entrance to the property or closer than where a safe on street location can be found, the application will be turned down. This distance is in line with the assessment criteria for qualifying for a Blue Badge.
- The bay will not be provided where there are existing waiting restrictions. If the applicant's requested location is not deemed safe by a Wokingham Borough Council engineer, then an alternative location will be sought. If no safe location can be found by a Wokingham Borough Council engineer, then the application will not be progressed.

A Disabled Persons Parking Bay is not exclusively for the use of the applicant. The reservation of parking spaces for particular individuals on public highway is not permitted, and therefore any motorist displaying a valid Blue Badge may use these bays.

When there are a number of disabled parking bays situated close together, it is likely that the application will be turned down, and residents will be requested to share the bays.

The road in which the bay will be situated must be adopted, if not, the markings cannot be installed without the permission of the landowner, and the responsibility for maintenance would fall to them. The Council will not install a Disabled Persons Parking Bay on private land.

If the bay is required due to lack of space on own property, (i.e. brick wall preventing the car door from opening wide, prior to applying), it would have to be proven that suitable steps cannot be taken to rectify the problem, and modifications are not possible. In this instance, the application will be considered in more detail.



APPLICATION FOR DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY

(PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

<u>APPLICANT DETAILS</u>	
SURNAME (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms):	
FORENAMES (in full):	
ADDRESS:	
POST CODE:	TEL NO:
DATE OF BIRTH:	

1. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BLUE BADGE NUMBER AND EXPIRY DATE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VALID BLUE BADGE, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REFUSED.

NUMBER _____ EXPIRY DATE _____

(Copy of both sides of your Blue Badge must be attached. If you are unable to gain access to copying facilities, please contact the Council to arrange an appointment)

2. IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHY YOU REQUIRE THE DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY. PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED.

3. DO YOU HAVE OFF STREET PARKING AVAILABLE ON YOUR PROPERTY?

YES / NO

4. DO YOU HAVE A GARAGE SEPARATE FROM YOUR PROPERTY?

YES / NO

(if YES – please include it on the sketch below and provide an approximate distance)

5. DO YOU RECEIVE THE HIGHER RATE FOR THE MOBILITY COMPONENT OF THE DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE OR ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE IF OVER 65?

YES / NO

(if YES – copy of proof MUST be attached. If you are unable to gain access to copying facilities, please contact the Council to arrange an appointment. If you do not receive either allowance your application will be turned down.)

6. HOW MANY VEHICLES ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO THE ABOVE PROPERTY?

VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER(S): _____

(if there are no vehicles registered to your property, your application will be turned down. Disabled Persons Parking Bay will not be authorised for visitors to the property, including health care professionals)

IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW, PLEASE PROVIDE A SKETCH OF WHERE YOU WOULD PREFER THE DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY TO BE SITUATED:

THE FINAL POSITION WILL BE DECIDED BY WBC ENGINEER

DECLARATION

I understand that should my application be successful, the installation of the Bay will be arranged by Wokingham Borough Council.

I declare that all the information I have given in this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.

I have enclosed a copy of both sides of my Blue Badge.

I have enclosed a copy of my receipt of Higher Rate for the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance or receipt of Attendance Allowance if you are over 65 years of age.

I have read through the application criteria and agree to abide by the terms stated.

I acknowledge that I have no ownership or legal rights over the Disabled Persons Parking Bay.

I acknowledge that any vehicle displaying a legal blue badge is entitled to use the disabled parking bay.

I will contact Wokingham Borough Council if I move from my property.

The Blue Badge is to be displayed at all times whilst parked in this bay.

Misuse may result in removal of the disabled bay.

Signed _____

Date: _____

**This application should now be returned to: Traffic and Road Safety Team,
Wokingham Borough Council, P O BOX 153, Shute End, Wokingham,
Berkshire, RG40 1WL**

If you have any queries regarding the application, please contact an officer on 0118 974 6000.