



A Guide to the Disabled Persons Parking Bay and Line Scheme

What is the Scheme?

The scheme the City Council administers, is purely residential and is designed to allow Disabled Badge holders who have no reasonable off-street parking, the ability to park their vehicles as close to their residences as possible, or provide white access markings in front of a drive/access way. Bristol City Council do not provide disabled bays on the public highway to meet the needs of individual organisations, including any requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

What is a Disabled Parking Place/White Line Marking?

Disabled markings provided under this scheme are advisory only and have no legal standing. Disabled bays are located outside of, or as near as is reasonably practicable, to a disabled person's home and are marked in white. Although able-bodied drivers are encouraged not to park within a disabled parking bay, anyone can use them. Whilst a bay would clearly be intended for one individual, it is also open to other disabled drivers to use. Bristol City Council is therefore unable to provide any form of enforcement to secure the use of an advisory bay, or prevent the blocking of a drive/access way. However, should you continually experience problems with your bay being obstructed, you should contact your local Police Station and request their assistance.

How do I get a Disabled Parking Bay / White Line Markings?

In order to assess the many requests for a Disabled Parking Bay or white lines, Bristol City Council applies the following parameters:

1. The applicant must be the holder of a "Blue Badge" and reside at the address where the facility is required.
2. Regular and frequent use of the vehicle must be demonstrated, either by the applicant (as driver), or a carer (who must reside at the same address as the applicant). Please note: "Class 3" invalid carriages (Mobility Scooters) do not qualify under this scheme for an advisory parking bay. In some cases we may consider installing short white lines in front of a pedestrian access point.
3. There should be considerable demand upon on-street parking.
4. The applicant should have no reasonable facility for off-street parking (bay only).

In order to confirm that your application meets the criteria a site visit will normally be carried out. We do not make personal calls, so there will be no inconvenience to you.

What happens next if my application is approved?

When your application has been approved we will write to you and let you know. Unfortunately we will not be able to give you a definite time scale for the installation of your markings, as this will depend upon the workload of the contractors and weather conditions.

What if my application is unsuccessful?

Should your application be unsuccessful, we will write to you and let you know. If you disagree with this decision you have a right of appeal. In order to appeal, you should write enclosing any further information that you feel may help your appeal to the following address:

Bristol City Council PO Box 485 BRISTOL BS99 1WD Tel: 0117 922 2600

Email: parking.permits@bristol.gov.uk

Once we receive this information, we will review your application and write to you with our decision.

Things to remember:

1. The Scheme Bristol City Council administers is residential only.
2. Ensure that you feel you meet all of the criteria before you apply for a bay / white line markings.
3. Bays/white line markings provided under this scheme are advisory only and cannot be enforced.
4. This scheme is only relevant to Disabled Bays/white line markings located on the Public Highway, requests for disabled persons parking bays on housing society or association land should be referred to the respective organisation.
5. Future Traffic Management or traffic calming measures may necessitate the removal or re-location of any bay or markings installed under this scheme.
6. This scheme **does not** form part of the statutory function of Bristol City Council.
7. Sometimes the council may not be able to provide a parking bay, even though you meet the criteria, because of local planning or traffic considerations.
8. The high demand for disabled parking bays and the work involved with processing applications, means it will take a minimum of 3 months to process an application and install a bay. Applicants will be notified in writing if their application is successful or not.
9. You do have a right of appeal if you feel our decision is wrong.
10. Disabled bays/white line markings cannot be installed for visiting friends, family or care providers.



Disabled Person's Parking Bay and Line Scheme

Please note: We do not acknowledge receipt of applications. Please expect a response within 8 weeks.

Details of Blue Badge Holder

Title:	Tel No:
Surname:	D.O.B:
Forenames:	
Address:	
	Postcode:

Details of Blue Badge

Serial No:	Expiry Date:
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If your Blue Badge is issued by a different authority to Bristol City Council, please provide a copy of both sides of your badge.

Please explain why you are applying for a disabled bay/white access lines.

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Does the above address have any off-street parking facilities, e.g. garage, driveway, hard standing? Yes / No

If yes, please describe them.....

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If you are unable to access this parking please also explain why, (further information may be requested to aid assessment). Continue on separate sheet if necessary.

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Driver and Vehicle Details

Applications will only be considered if the vehicle you travel in is permanently registered at your home address.

Are you the driver of the vehicle? Yes / No

If you are not the driver, the driver must be your recognised carer and must reside full time at the same address as you.

To confirm you meet the above criteria please provide a copy of pages one & two of your Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5C).

We cannot process your application without this document.

How often is the vehicle used?

Where is the vehicle normally kept when not in use?

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If you have moved to this address recently and had advisory markings at your previous address, please provide your previous address details below:

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Declaration please tick (☐)

- I confirm that I have read and understand the Guidance Notes.
- I have enclosed a copy of my Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5C).
- I understand that the provision of false or misleading information will delay the processing of this application and may lead to the application being refused.
- I understand that should I allow the white bay / access lines to be misused or misuse them myself, the City Council reserve the right to remove the bay / white line markings.
- I will arrange for Parking Services to be informed should the bay / white line markings no longer be required.

Signed: Date:/...../.....

Please print name:

If you are completing this form on behalf of the Blue Badge holder, please provide your name and address and relationship to the Blue Badge holder:

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Please return completed form to:
Bristol City Council, Parking Services, PO Box 485, Bristol, BS99 1WD.
Tel: 0117 922 2600.

We are unable to assess unsigned applications.