

Appendix 16: Criteria for the Provision of a Designated Disabled Person's Parking Bay

The applicant must be a resident of the borough and be in receipt of the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or receive the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). Furthermore, the applicant must be a London Borough of Barnet Blue Badge holder and the vehicle owner, or must be the keeper and user of a vehicle at the same address as the Blue Badge holder when the badge holder relies on that person to assist them as a passenger of their vehicle.

The Council will need to see written medical evidence that the Blue Badge holder has considerable difficulty in walking and will only consider providing a designated disabled parking place where there is proven difficulty in parking and no suitable alternative off-street parking is available.

Application Process

Any applicant is required to complete an application form which they can print from the Council's website or receive a copy in the post direct from the Council upon request.

The application form process is designed to determine whether an applicant meets the criteria for the provision of a disabled bay. As part of the application process form is provided as part of the application pack that is to be given to the applicant's general practitioner or other medical professional to sign a statement confirming the applicant's level of disability and how far they consider the applicant is able to walk.

The applicant is required to submit their application form(s) and the form signed by their general practitioner/medical professional, including a copy of proof of the existence of a vehicle being registered at the address (e.g. vehicle registration document/ insurance document) where they wish for the bay to be provided.

In addition, the applicant is required to enclose a copy of their disabled badge, proof that they are in receipt of the required component of Disability Living Allowance and driving licence to support the application.

If an application received is initially approved by the Traffic and Development Section, through the application process and following an inspection of the applicant's road, the Council will then propose to introduce the disabled bay, by way of a consultation process outlined by statute.

The public are advised by way of a notice erected on-street, in the local Press newspaper and in the London Gazette of the proposal and are given a period (usually 21 days) to submit comment or object if they so wish. Ward Councillors are usually consulted at this time.

On receipt of an objection, the Council will consider its content and determine whether or not to introduce the disabled bay. If no objections are received, the Council will usually introduce the disabled bay at the earliest opportunity assuming funds are available.