ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNS
TO HELP DISABLED DRIVERS

Please keep clear for Disabled Resident
Northamptonshire County Council can help disabled people who are experiencing difficulty in finding a parking space outside their home.

To see if you are eligible please read this leaflet

This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request, such as large print, Braille, audio cassette and floppy disk.
Telephone: 01604 883400 (ask for Regulations)

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Who is eligible?

You are likely to be considered eligible for help if:

- You are the driver living at the property and you have serious mobility difficulties.
- You are the driver living at the property and you care for a disabled person who has serious mobility difficulties and who, because of age or condition, cannot be left alone.

By serious mobility difficulties, we mean that walking short distances presents a problem and a difficulty.

Barring exceptional circumstances, you will not be considered eligible for help if:

- None of the persons living at the address have a vehicle and a valid disabled Blue Badge
- If a sign and/or line is required solely for the purpose of a disabled person to be picked up or dropped off by ambulance or family.
- If it is not possible to park directly outside your home.
- If you already have provision of off road parking i.e.: a garage or driveway

Making an application

If you think you are eligible, please complete the enclosed application form. Your application must be countersigned by a professional who knows about your mobility problems such as a doctor, health visitor, occupational therapist or similar. The applicant should be aware that some medical practices may make a charge for completing this form.

Additionally, you must include a copy of your V5 document (the vehicle’s “logbook”) for the vehicle, or a copy of the rental agreement if the car is provided by Motability or other similar organisation.

When we receive your application, the location will be inspected to make sure the request is practical, safe and justified.
You will not receive an acknowledgement of receipt of the form, but we will write to you within six to eight weeks to advise you of the outcome of your application. If unsuccessful, we will inform you why. If your request is agreed, you will be required to pay £185.00 for the sign and line and we will include payment details in the acceptance letter. If there is not an appropriate garden fence/wall or property wall regretfully an additional £130.00 (£315.00 in total) will have to be charged for a new post for the sign to be fixed to.

Work will not be ordered until payment has been received and then programmed to be carried out when suitable personnel are in the area.

If making your application during the winter months i.e. October to April please bear in mind there may be a long delay in carrying out this work due to weather conditions.

**What do we offer**

The parking space will consist of a single white road marking, **approximately 5 metres long**, but will not extend beyond the boundaries of your property.

A sign will also be provided if there is a suitable fence or wall that it can be attached to. If not available, a new metal post will be provided at their own expense.

The sign is shown on the front of this document at a reduced size.

The sign and line are advisory only and cannot be enforced by County Council personnel or the police. **This means the sign and line will be ineffective if not respected by your neighbours.**

The sign (if provided) remains the property of the County Council. Should the line require renewing please inform us and this will be attended to as and when budgets and suitable personnel are available during routine highway maintenance operations. Please tell us if, for any reason, the sign is no longer required at that address. We will then arrange to collect it for re-use.

**Checklist for Applicants**

- Form completed
- Doctor/Therapist signature & stamp
- V5 document or rental agreement
Application to be considered for disabled resident sign / line

Name of disabled resident: (capital letters): .................................................................

Address (capital letters): ..............................................................................................

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Telephone Number: ........................................................................................................

Blue badge no: ..................................................................................................................

Who is the driver of the vehicle? The driver must live at the above address and provide a copy of their V5 document (your vehicle’s “logbook”) or rental agreement to be eligible.

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Please describe the difficulties encountered by the disabled person in reaching the vehicle.

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Please explain why you need the sign / line, if the driver is not the disabled resident.

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Is there a driveway at the property which can be used by the disabled resident to get in and out of the vehicle?

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Signed: (disabled resident or driver): ..........................................................................

Name in capital letters: .................................................................................................

* I confirm that the disabled resident is a driver who has serious mobility difficulties which make getting to his/her parked car a problem.

* I confirm the disabled resident has serious mobility difficulties and cannot be left alone even for short periods while the driver, who also resides at the property, gets the car.

* Delete as appropriate

Signed.................................................................

Capacity..............................................................

(Doctor/Occupational Therapist etc.)

Please return completed form to Highway Regulations, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants NN6 9BX