

Lewisham Council

Disabled Parking Bay Application

To be completed in the name of the Blue Badge holder in all cases.

1. Your details

Title: _____

Full name: _____

2. Address:

3. Postcode: _____

4. Blue Badge number: _____

5. Telephone number: _____

6. Date of birth: _____

7. Email: _____

8. Vehicle registration: _____

9. Is your address managed by a Housing Association? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please specify which Housing Association: _____

Applications will only be considered if the vehicle that you travel in is permanently registered at your home address. (A photocopy of the full UK vehicle registration certificate V5C)

10. Are you the owner Vehicle?

Yes, I am the driver ☐

No, I travel as a passenger ☐

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

11. Please give the name of your carer/driver: _____

Does the carer reside at the same address as you? Yes ☐ No ☐

12. A bay can only be provided if you travel frequently with the carer. It will only be provided if you are in the vehicle with them on most occasions that they use the car.

Are you in the vehicle on most occasions that the car moves from the house?

Yes ☐ No ☐

13. Do you have access to any of the following?

	Yes	No
Garage	☐	☐
Driveway/ Off-road parking	☐	☐

If you have one of the above but are unable to use for parking, please give reasons why: _____

Declaration

I have read the notes on completing the application form.

I certify that the answers given above are correct.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form along with copies of:

- Full valid UK driving licence - registered to the Applicant / Nominated Driver at the Applicant's address
- Both sides of Blue Badge with 6 months validity.
- Council Tax statement – applicant and/or nominated driver living at the same address
- Full UK vehicle registration certificate V5C
- Tenancy Agreement (more than 12 months), leaseholder Agreement or Freeholder Agreement – name of applicant and/or nominated driver at the address
- Proof of documents listed under Medical Criteria
- Where the holder of a valid disabled badge is not the driver of a vehicle, you will need to provide supporting evidence to show that your nominated driver finds it difficult to manually handle, carry, push, or pull any essential medical equipment required for the blue badge holder (such as an oxygen tank or ventilator). A walking frame, stand or wheelchair are not considered essential medical equipment, as the nominated driver can manually handle, carry, push or pull these items.

Please send your application to DisabledBay@lewisham.gov.uk.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

Please read the Medical Criteria before submitting an application.

Medical Criteria

1. To qualify for a formal disabled parking bay, applicants must be in receipt of either:
 - a) Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Higher Rate Mobility OR;
 - b) Personal Independence Payment (PIP) mobility component with 10 points or more for 'moving around' OR;
 - c) receives the mobility component of PIP and has obtained 10 points specifically for Descriptor E under the "planning and following journeys" activity, on the grounds that they are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause them overwhelming psychological distress
 - d) Attendance Allowance Higher Rate; OR
 - e) Assessment by a council approved assessor certifying that they meet equivalent criteria to the above.
2. Applicants must hold a valid blue badge.
3. The blue-badge holder does not have to be the driver of a vehicle, but any driver (if not the applicant) must live at the same address as the blue badge holder.
4. Parents/carers of children under the age of three, would not be entitled to apply for a formal disabled parking bay for the use of that child unless that child is always accompanied by bulky medical equipment which cannot be carried around without great difficulty and/or need to be kept near a vehicle at all times. Applications of this nature will be assessed on a case by case basis depending on the circumstance of the applicant.

Important to note

Disabled Parking Bays are designated parking spaces on the public highway, which allow Blue Badge holders to park close to residential properties and key destinations.

Lewisham Council only offer 'formal' disabled parking bays, which carry a Traffic Management Order and are therefore legally enforceable. Advisory bays (bays without sign and post), which do not carry a Traffic Management Order, are no longer offered due to changes in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. These bays are being phased out with qualifying residents able to apply for a formal bay at any time.

Qualifying residents are entitled to apply for a disabled parking bay to be installed near to their property, subject to meeting both the medical and highway criteria outlined below. Not all applications will be successful, and Lewisham Council will not approve more than one application per formal address for a disabled parking bay.

If a disabled parking bay is approved and installed, the bay may be utilised by all blue badge holders and are not for the sole use of the resident for which the bay was implemented.

Approved disabled parking bays would require a Traffic Management Order which will be installed in batches in order to reduce the cost borne by the council, so it may take several months for a disabled parking bay to be installed.

General Notes

1. Not all applications will be successful. The Council must check that it is safe, necessary, and feasible to introduce a bay, and will take a number of factors into consideration, including (but not limited to) maintaining the safe and smooth flow of traffic, maintaining access to and from the highway, assessing the parking stress and managing parking demand. This may include consultation with near neighbours. If objections are received these must be considered by the Council before agreeing to the implementation of a bay.
2. A disabled parking bay may be provided but is not for the sole use of the applicant. Any blue badge holder may use the bay.
3. There will be no charge for the marking of the bay.
4. Every effort will be made to process the application as quickly as possible.
5. Any matter relating to a disabled parking bay that was installed before this date, must now be considered in accordance with this policy and not in line with the regulations that applied at that time.
6. Blue badge holders or their families must advise this office of any changes in personal circumstances which may have an effect on provision of the parking bay.
7. The Council reserves the right to remove any disabled parking bay if it considers that the bay is being used inappropriately by the badge holder or any member of their household.
8. Blue badge holders or their families must advise this office of any changes to address. The Council reserves the right to return the bay to normal service if it is no longer required.
9. **Please note before submitting an application that we cannot consider requests for private land or Housing Associations, including Lewisham Homes Estates. You will need to contact your Housing Association for any disabled bay related requests.**