

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE POLICY NOTE REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF DISABLED PARKING BAYS

BACKGROUND

It is recognised that for many disabled people the ability to park their vehicle close to their property is necessary for them to be able to fully participate in the community.

All disabled parking bays are provided at the discretion of the Holly Lodge Estate Trustees and Committee (HLEC) following the application process and feasibility checks.

A disabled parking bay on the Estate is not specific to a person.

Only those residents displaying an HLE disabled badge are entitled to park in a disabled parking bay on the Estate.

The HLEC reserves the right to suspend the bay at any time, either permanently or temporarily.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to clarify the situations where an individual is likely to be entitled to use a bay and the situations where they are not. It recognises that other local residents may have views on the implementation of a bay on their street and that bays will only be installed in such situations where they are both necessary, and not just convenient for the individual, and practical, with regard to safety and traffic management issues.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- Applicants must be either a Camden issued Blue or Green Badge holder. Having a National or London Borough of Camden Badge does not automatically entitle the applicant to a disabled person's bay on the Holly Lodge Estate.
- Applicants must be driving his/her own car or nominate a carer who drives for them who also resides at the same address.
- Applicants should provide a copy of a valid Driver's Licence. and a copy of the Vehicle Registration Document (V5).
- Applicants must be using additional equipment to help with their mobility, such as a wheelchair or a frame.
- The applicant must show that they are in receipt of either the Disability Living Allowance - Higher Mobility Rate component or the higher rate of Attendance Allowance for applicants aged 65 or over.

To be awarded any of these benefits the applicant must be assessed by an independent General Practitioner employed by the Department of Work and Pensions, so it has been decided that the HLEC should use these benefits as an indication of level of disability.

HLEC may, at their discretion, additionally instruct a qualified Occupational Therapist to assess the need.

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE

The HLEC reserves the right to revisit and revoke any decision in the light of additional information or change of circumstance.

CAR OWNERSHIP

Either the applicant him or herself or a member of their household must own a vehicle.

Visitors or Carers are welcome to park on the Estate using a Visitors' Note or a temporary permit which is available from the Estate office.

In the interests of the integrity of the scheme, we are unable to offer disabled parking bays to visitors of disabled people as this would mean bays would be installed that were left unoccupied for the majority of the time, perhaps fuelling resentment with other local residents, who would be unable to park there, with preferential treatment being granted to visitors of the disabled residents.

SEPARATE CAR PARKING FACILITIES

Applications are generally refused if the applicant has separate car parking facilities e.g. a driveway or a garage. Applicants will be required to provide proof that this facility is not available for their use. This proof may take the form of, e.g. a Tenancy Agreement or Property Deeds. However, in situations where an applicant has a garage or driveway but is unable to use it for some legitimate reason the application may still be considered.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with relevant local residents may be undertaken as part of an application which has satisfied the medical criteria and has no separate parking facilities.

All objections received will be investigated and the outcome communicated to the consulted residents.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Finally, the proposed position of a bay will be assessed by HLEC to ensure that it will not be in a position that is dangerous or cause an obstruction to the traffic flow or serious inconvenience to neighbours.

CHALLENGING A DECISION

Should you disagree with the HLEC's decision please submit your objection in writing to The Chair.

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