

Access Protection Road Marking (Bar Marking)

What is a Bar Marking?

It is an advisory road marking which may be laid on part of the carriageway which should be kept clear of parked vehicles either outside an entrance to off-street premises, or where the kerb is dropped to provide a convenient crossing place for pedestrians.

The line is white in colour and normally provided at 75mm width and extends across the dropped kerbs of an access.

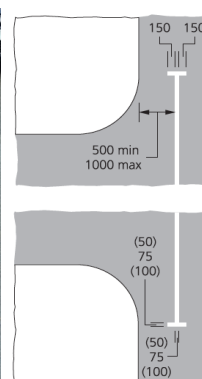


Diagram 1026.1

Figure 22-4

Are they legally enforceable?

The marking itself is non-enforceable. The purpose of the marking is to provide a reminder to drivers that parking across a dropped kerb can cause an obstruction. Creating such an obstruction on the highway is an offence and the Police may at their discretion issue a fixed penalty notice.

Can you park your own car on a bar marking protecting your own access?

The marking is provided to highlight the presence of your driveway / vehicular access to others wishing to park on that road. Should you park in the bar marking then it devalues the meaning and may indicate to others that you do not use your driveway.

What can the Council do?

Wiltshire Council recognises that these markings may be useful where on-street parking causes regular obstruction.

For the Council to consider and approve your application you are required to:

- Provide evidence of obstruction i.e. photographic evidence.
- Provide evidence of visibility issues for drivers (when exiting the drive or access).

- Where a marking is required for a shared drive then written support from all parties must be supplied.

What the Council cannot do.

- Wiltshire Council will not consider a bar marking where there is no evidence of obstruction taking place.
- A marking cannot be placed where yellow lining or zig-zag markings are already present.
- The marking cannot be sited on the opposite side of the road to the driveway
- Markings can only be considered to protect appropriately constructed driveways / accesses. This means a tarmacadam construction across the verge or footpath together with dropped kerbs.

How to apply?

Applications should be made via your Town or Parish Council. Please complete the "Highways Improvement Request Form" and send this along with your supporting evidence to the Town or Parish Clerk. If the local council are supportive of your request they will forward your application to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for consideration. The CATGs meet on a quarterly basis and requests submitted will be included for discussion at the next scheduled meeting. The CATG process is explained by the flow chart shown at the end of this document.

Cost / Funding

Your local Council and / or the CATG might be willing to fund this work in which case there will be no charge to complete this process. However, if they are unable to provide funding then we will require payment in advance of placing an order for the work to take place. The current charge for this is £150, which is not subject to VAT.

What happens when your application is approved?

It is not practicable or cost effective to mobilise a road marking team to undertake minor work such as a bar marking on an individual basis. Therefore, approved requests will be collated along with other ad-hoc road marking works and ordered as a package of work, with two to three orders being released to the contractor on an annual basis.

You should be aware that road marking activities are not normally carried out during winter months, as road surface conditions are generally not favourable for this type of activity. Markings cannot be laid on damp or dirty road surfaces, where winter grit (road salt) has been applied or when temperatures are too low, as the markings will simply not stick to the road surface.

Bar Marking Request Process

