

EIA000865 Advisory Disabled Bay

Markings

Reference Number:	EIA000865
Subject Of EIA:	Advisory Disabled Bay Markings
EIA Approval Status:	Approved



About your EIA

Description:	<p>Advisory Disabled Bay Markings are provided to support residents with a disability who qualify for a blue badge. The intention of these markings is to assist residents to park closer to their homes.</p> <p>On 30th August 2019, the DfT made changes to the eligibility criteria for a Blue Badge, meaning people with non-visible (hidden) disabilities now have an equal right to a Blue Badge as those with visible physical disabilities and mobility constraints. This has resulted in a marked increase in the number of ADBM requests.</p> <p>ADBM markings are advisory only and so rely on the goodwill of other motorists to reserve the bays for blue badge holders.</p> <p>The council's scheme has been reviewed following changes introduced by TSRGD 2016 to ensure it complies with the statutory requirements. The changes in TSRGD 2016 mean that an upright sign is no longer required for enforceable disabled bays and ADBMs will be painted with a continuous white line to distinguish them from the existing enforceable disabled bays which are marked with a dashed white line.</p> <p>The revised eligibility criteria for Birmingham City Council is as follows: (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home). Subject to the applicant meeting these criteria, the Council will assess the location for its appropriateness for ADBM installation. Service users currently apply for ADBM via the Birmingham City Council website.</p>
In Support Of:	["Amended policy"]
Reviewing Frequency:	Annually
First Review Date:	11/15/2025

Directorate, Division & Service Area

Directorates:	["Place, Prosperity and Sustainability"]
Division:	Transport and Connectivity
Service Area:	Transport Planning and Network Strategy

Budget Savings

Related to Budget Savings?:	
Budget Proposal Ref. No:	

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Data Sources

Data sources:	["Consultation results", "Relevant reports/strategies", "Relevant research"]
Data sources Details:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions 2016 (TSRGD 2016), Schedule 7 The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (legislation.gov.uk) • The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, part IV, section 32 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/part/IV • The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee • The Equality Act 2010 • ONS – 2021 Census (Office for National Statistics): • https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/ • Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) Data Insight: • https://data-insight-tfwm.hub.arcgis.com/ • Birmingham Transport Plan: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20013/roads_travel_and_parking/2032/birmingham_transport_plan • Our Future City Plan: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50273/our_future_city_plan_ofcp/2303/our_future_city_-_draft_central_birmingham_2040 • Birmingham Development Plan: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20054/local_plan_documents/78/birmingham_development_plan



Initial Assessment

Initial Assessment Impacted Characteristics	Age: Yes, Disability: Yes, Sex: No, Gender Reassignment: No, Marriage and Civil Partnership: No, Pregnancy and Maternity: No, Race: No, Religion or Beliefs: No, Sexual Orientation: No, Care Experience/Care Leaver: NoYes
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Initial Assessment Summary

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Is a full EIA Required?:	YesThe Advisory Disabled Bay Markings scheme/service will have a positive impact on the Age and Disability protected characteristics. The scheme/service will have no impact on the other protected characteristics.



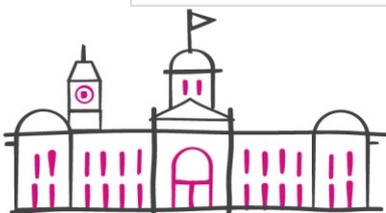
Full Equality Impact Assessment

Age

Impact Age:	Yes
Age Group Impacted:	["0-9 years", "10-19 years", "20-29 years", "30-39 years", "40-49 years", "50-59 years", "60-69 years", "70-79 years", "80-89 years", "90 years or over"]



<p>Age Impact Details:</p>	<p>Of the 1,144,918 people living in Birmingham (according to the ONS - 2021 Census):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20.91% (239,376) are children (aged 0 – 14 years) • 65.95% (755,064) are working age (aged 15 – 64 years) • 13.14% (150,485) are pensioners (aged 65 years plus). <p>The West Midlands Metropolitan area has a larger percentage of people in households with a limiting long-term illness (6% of households compared to 4.7% in England and Wales). It also has a slightly larger proportion of disabled people than England and Wales (19% versus 18% in England and Wales). More and more people are living with impairments or with or beyond serious illness.</p> <p>Around a fifth of disabled people have difficulties related to their disability in accessing transport.</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) in close proximity to one's home is applicable to all ages. The provision of the bay markings helps to shorten the distance they have to travel from their parked car on the street to their residence.</p> <p>The scheme is open to any Blue Badge holder who lives at a property where there is a car owner. The Blue Badge holder does not have to be the car owner, so they could still benefit from the provision of a bay as a passenger. The eligibility criteria exclude those with off-street parking. However, consideration is given to those whose off-street parking is not adjacent to the property.</p> <p>The provision of an advisory disabled bay marking indicates to people that there is a disabled person who needs to be able to park outside (or close to) their home. It relies on the goodwill of neighbours or other motorists to leave the space free. To help with good relations, any neighbours whose property would be overlapped are consulted. This also serves to alert neighbours to the need of the disabled person. If the neighbour on one side objects, the bay will only overlap the other neighbour, but ideally the aim is to paint the bay in line with the extents of the applicant's property limits and avoid overlapping onto the neighbours property limits. If there isn't enough room within the applicant's property limits and the neighbours on both sides object, an alternative location will be considered.</p> <p>Neighbours may also be consulted if there are a limited number of parking spaces for a large number of properties.</p> <p>There is no age restriction, everyone is entitled to this service as long as they are a blue badge holder and fulfil the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in a Net Positive Impact upon the Age protected characteristic.</p>
<p>Age Impact Mitigation:</p>	<p>N/A – No negative impact.</p> <p>The impacts described above are potential positive impacts.</p>



Disability

Impact Disability:	Yes
Disability Impact Details:	<p>Of the 1,144,918 people living in Birmingham (according to the ONS - 2021 Census), 17.3% (198,071) are considered to be disabled in line with the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>Advisory Disabled Bay Markings are provided to support residents whose medical conditions mean that they qualify for a blue badge. The intention of these markings is to assist residents to park closer to their homes, therefore shorten the distance they have to travel from their parked car on the street to their residence.</p> <p>ADBM markings are advisory only and so rely on the goodwill of other motorists to reserve the bays for blue badge holders.</p> <p>Birmingham City Council pays for the installation and removal of the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings. The users do not pay for the service.</p> <p>There is no statutory duty on the local authority to provide disabled bay markings outside people's homes, but Birmingham City Council provides them to try to help disabled people who have difficulty parking near their home.</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in a Net Positive Impact upon the Disability protected characteristic.</p>
Disability Impact Mitigation:	<p>The likelihood of a negative impact depends on the situation on street, and whether neighbours object to the disabled bay markings overlapping their property.</p> <p>For blue badge holders, the impact will depend on how regularly they go out, and whether anyone is with them at the time to assist them if they do not qualify for a bay.</p> <p>The factors that determine who will be negatively affected relate to whether the required kerb space is available, whether neighbours will object, whether existing parking restrictions prevent the installation of a bay and whether the bay will affect road safety in that location or contribute to accessibility constraints for other road users. In many areas, especially on terraced streets, there is limited parking space available.</p> <p>If the proposed location is close to a road junction where a parked vehicle could cause reasonable danger to other road users, or on a narrow road where a parked vehicle could inhibit access, where there is insufficient kerb space or an existing parking restriction. Where this is the case, any charges paid by the applicant will be returned in full. An alternative location will be identified for the advisory disabled bay markings.</p> <p>If the lack of kerb space is due to dropped kerbs or entrances to premises, this cannot be changed. Objections from neighbours cannot be controlled. If parking restrictions at the location are considered excessive, it may be possible to review them subject to resources being available. Any change to parking restrictions requires a Traffic Regulation Order.</p>



Sex

Impact Sex:	No
Sex Groups Impacted:	
Sex Impact Details:	<p>In Birmingham, there are 51.1% females (584,496) and 48.9% males (560,423).</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) is available to all sexes. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Sex protected characteristic.</p>
Sex Impact Mitigation:	N/A - No Impact.

Gender Reassignment

Impact Gender Reassignment:	No
Gender Reassignment Impact Details:	<p>According to the ONS 2021 Census, from the 1,144,919 population in Birmingham, 0.1% (1,327) identified as being trans-woman, and 0.2% (1,405) identified as being trans-man. Whereas on a national scale, from England's population of 56,490,048, 0.1% (45,684) identified as being trans-woman, and 0.1% (46,513) identified as being trans-man.</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) is available to all genders. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Gender Reassignment protected characteristic.</p>
Gender Reassignment Impact Mitigation:	N/A - No Impact.



Marriage and Civil Partnership

Impact Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No
Marriage and Civil Partnership Groups Impacted:	
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Details:	<p>Approximately 40% of Birmingham's resident population are married or in a civil partnership, which partly reflects the relative youth of the city's population.</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) has no impact on whether people are married or in a civil partnership. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Marriage and Civil Partnership protected characteristic.</p>
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Mitigation:	N/A - No Impact.

Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact Pregnancy and Maternity:	Yes
Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Details:	<p>Approximately 14,000 babies are born in Birmingham each year. As such, Birmingham has a large resident population of persons with this protected characteristic.</p> <p>Pregnant women can also apply for the service, as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>The advantage for pregnant women who are disabled is they will be able to park close to their homes and therefore walk a short distance from their parked car on the street to their residence, easing their outdoor movements, especially when the weather conditions are unfavourable or they have heavy loads to carry from their car.</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in a Net Positive Impact upon the Pregnancy and Maternity protected characteristic.</p>



Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Mitigation:	N/A – No negative impact. The impacts described above are potential positive impacts.
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Race

Race:	No
Race Groups Impacted:	N/A
Race Impact Details:	<p>In Birmingham, 34.0% of residents identify as Christian, 29.9% as Muslim, 24.1% have no religion, 2.9% are Sikh, 1.9% are Hindu, 0.4% are Buddhist, 0.1% are Jewish and the remaining 6.7% are other religions. The city is known for its ethnic diversity.</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) has no impact on one's religion or beliefs. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Religion or Beliefs protected characteristic.</p>
Race Impact Mitigation:	N/A - No Impact.

Religion or Belief

Impact Religion or Belief:	No
Religion or Belief Groups Impacted:	N/A



Religion or Belief Impact Details:	<p>In Birmingham, 34.0% of residents identify as Christian, 29.9% as Muslim, 24.1% have no religion, 2.9% are Sikh, 1.9% are Hindu, 0.4% are Buddhist, 0.1% are Jewish and the remaining 6.7% are other religions. The city is known for its ethnic diversity.</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) has no impact on one's religion or beliefs. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Religion or Beliefs protected characteristic.</p>
Religion or Belief Impact Mitigation:	N/A - No Impact.

Sexual Orientation

Impact Sexual Orientation:	No
Sexual Orientation Groups Impacted:	
Sexual Orientation Impact Details:	<p>In Birmingham, there are 51.1% females (584,496) and 48.9% males (560,423).</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) is available to all sexes. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Sex protected characteristic.</p>
Sexual Orientation Impact Mitigation:	N/A - No Impact.

Care Experience / Care Leavers

Impact Care Experience:	No
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<p>Care Experience Impact Details:</p>	<p>A 'care experienced person' or 'care leaver' is someone who has spent time in the care of a local authority.</p> <p>Care experienced people [/care leavers] face significant challenges, including inequality, discrimination and lack of security, when they begin their adult lives.</p> <p>The scheme to provide Advisory Disabled Bay Markings (ADBMs) has no impact on whether one has received care experience or not. Any blue badge holder is eligible to apply as long as they fulfil the eligibility criteria i.e. (valid blue badge holder and car owner at the address, be in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), no access to off-street parking and experience difficulty in securing a parking space close to their home).</p> <p>It is considered that the Advisory Disabled Bay Markings will result in No Impact upon the Care Experience/Care Leavers protected characteristic.</p>
<p>Care Experience Impact Mitigation:</p>	<p>N/A - No Impact.</p>

Other Risks or Impacts

<p>Any Other Risks Or Impacts:</p>	<p>None.</p>
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Full Assessment Summary

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Monitoring



<p>Monitoring Details:</p>	<p>CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES:</p> <p>Once a new ADBM is installed, the applicant or their family must inform the Council of any change in their circumstances which may affect the validity of these road markings.</p> <p>RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME:</p> <p>If a Residents' Parking Scheme is implemented in the area where an ADBM is installed, it may be removed. If the ADBM has been in place for less than a year, then the Council will refund the costs of the bay to the applicant.</p> <p>TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS:</p> <p>Local Engineers explain the limitations of the scheme in certain circumstances. Consideration given to reviewing parking restrictions when an application for an advisory disabled bay marking is made. Safety considerations mean that it is not always appropriate to relax parking restrictions as this can create other undesirable equality impacts.</p> <p>USAGE TRENDS:</p> <p>Through the Local Engineering Teams, the Council will obtain better data on the use of ADBMs and Service demand for the ADBMs across the different wards in Birmingham, so we can improve the service if required and also ensure it is fit for purpose.</p>
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