



Keighley Town Council

Grit Bin Policy & Procedure

APPENDICES

- Grit Bin application form
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Keighley Town Council shall provide grit bins for self-help by members of the public.

1. What is Grit?

Grit is another name for 'rock salt' and it helps keep roads safe by preventing them becoming icy; it works by lowering the temperature at which water freezes. It relies on pedestrian movement on pavements or the action of vehicle tyres to spread it over the road, but it can get too cold for the salt to work. Below -5 degrees centigrade the effectiveness of grit is reduced, and pavements/roads may still freeze. Rain or snow can wash the salt away leaving the area prone to re-icing, so salting ideally needs to take place after rain but before the water freezes.

2. Grit Bin Provision

Keighley Town Council will only provide a new grit bin in cases where there has never been a grit bin, when a number of criteria are met using a point system.

3. Key factors that are considered include:

Height of land i.e. altitude, Highway gradient, Highway safety and Distance to next grit box. Other factors e.g. elderly persons' accommodation; known water problems; junction problems; unadopted status

Grit bins shall only be located where at least one of the criteria in List (A) are met and all the remaining seven in List (B) in the case of a new location.

List (A)

- The gradient is greater than 1 in 10.
- A junction with a known history of accidents.
- Acceptable number of disabled or elderly residents.

List (B)

- Must be for use on the public highway. (Road and footway)
- The location shall not obstruct the passage of pedestrians.
- A minimum of 1.5m clearance on the footway is required.
- The location shall not obstruct sight lines.
- The location is not within 200m of another grit bin location.
- The location is within an urban area.
- The location is either within the boundary of a public road or can be sited on private land with the landowner's permission in a way to give safe uninterrupted access by residents, Keighley Town Council operatives, contractors and or authorised persons.

4. Where Grit Bins will not be provided

The Council will not provide grit bins:

- On a route already gritted by Bradford Council
- In private areas or car parks or any other public or private property such as schools, parks, hospitals, old people's homes, Etc unless a service agreement is in place

5. Location of Grit Bins

Grit bins will only be located where they can be filled from a lorry. The grit bins shall be replenished at the start of the winter period and during the winter period, as resources permit. Grit bins will be left in place during the summer months, unless there is a history of vandalism at a particular location.

The locations of grit bins will be recorded and made available on the Council's website. Only written requests will be considered.

6. Use of Grit

The grit in the bin is purely for use on the public highway and footpaths. If the grit is used on private land/footpaths/driveways consideration will be given for the removal of the bin.

7. Applications for a Grit Bin

An application will not be considered unless it is signed by at least 50% of households within 100 metres of the proposed bin within the Parish Boundary.

The submitting of an application does not guarantee a bin will be provided and all new bins matching the criteria will be considered at the Watch and Transport Committee meeting.



KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR THE PROVISION OF A GRIT BIN

1. Street Name.....

2. Location

3. Ward

Key Factors Considered	YES	NO
<i>Height of land i.e. altitude, Highway gradient, Highway safety and Distance to next grit box. Other factors e.g. elderly persons' accommodation; known water problems; junction problems; unadopted status</i>		

LIST A Criteria (Please ensure one of the criteria is met)	YES	NO
The gradient is greater than 1 in 10.		
A junction with a known history of accidents.		
<i>Acceptable number of disabled or elderly residents.</i>		

LIST B Criteria (All remaining 7 criterions must be met)	YES (Required Criteria)	NO
Must be for use on the public highway. (Road and footway)		
The location shall not obstruct the passage of pedestrians.		
A minimum of 1.5m clearance on the footway is required.		
The location shall not obstruct sight lines.		
The location is not within 200m of another grit bin location.		

The location is within an urban area.		
<i>The location is either within the boundary of a public road or can be sited on private land with the landowner's permission in a way to give safe uninterrupted access by residents, Keighley Town Council operatives, contractors and or authorised persons.</i>		

4. Neighbour Notification

An application will not be considered unless it is signed by at least 50% of households within 100 metres of the proposed bin within the Parish Boundary.

The following neighbours have been consulted and have indicated their view to a grit bin being placed at this location. (additional names can be included on another sheet of paper)

Name	Address	Date	Agreement Yes/No	<i>Signed</i>

5. This application is submitted by:

Name

Address

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Postcode

Contact Number

Signed **Date**

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Check Criteria	YES (Required Criteria)	NO
The proposed bin is not on a route gritted by Bradford Council		
The proposed bin is not in private areas or car parks or any other public or private property such as schools, parks, hospitals, old people's homes, Etc unless a service agreement is in place		
One criterion is met from List A		
All seven criterion are met from List B		
The proposed grit bin location is located where it can be filled from a lorry within the boundary of the public road		
Form Signed		
<i>Neighbour Agreement Signed</i>		

Date received.....

Watch & Transport committee meeting date

Request Approved by W&T: Yes/No **Date:**

Reason for refusal:

