

**KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
GRIT BIN POLICY & PROCEDURE**

**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)***

- Not on a route already gritted by Bradford Council.
- 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 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 on the Council's Grit Bin Application Form will be considered. These are available on the website or from the civic centre.

#### **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 the agreement is signed by at least 50% of households within 100 metres of the proposed bin.

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.