

## **Belfast City Council Car Parks Disabled Parking Accreditation Pre-Assessments**

I recently carried out a number of pre-assessments of Belfast City Council Car Parks in respect of the Disabled Parking Accreditation.

These assessments involved applying the criteria for the Accreditation and making recommendations where appropriate.

My findings for each of the car parks assessed are listed below.

I have highlighted the text in red where improvements are required and in blue where I believe the Car Park should achieve Accreditation.

I have not mentioned the pay machines in each of these assessments as all pay machines located within the car parks are of the same type and are compliant with the criteria for the Accreditation.

### **Car Parks Assessed :**

#### **Charlotte Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 99 bays, 1 of which is an Accessible Bay. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, this bay was unoccupied. I believe 1 bay is sufficient at this time.

All measurements are compliant with the criteria. There was no drop kerb on exiting the car park and this will require to be rectified.

#### **Little Victoria Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 89 bays, 4 of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, only 1 bay was occupied. I believe 4 bays are sufficient at this time.

This car park was compliant with all other criteria and should achieve Accreditation.

#### **Hope Street North**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 36 bays, none of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 3 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. I believe that at this time, 1 bay would be sufficient for this facility.

A drop kerb is required at this facility to permit exit to the Train Station.

#### **Smithfield**

## Appendix 1

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 105 bays, 1 of which is an Accessible Bay. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, this bay was unoccupied. I believe 1 bay is sufficient at this time.

This car park was compliant with all other criteria and should achieve Accreditation.

### **Kent Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 54 bays, 2 of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, 1 bay was occupied. I believe 4 bays are sufficient at this time.

This car park was compliant with all other criteria and should achieve Accreditation.

### **Little Donegal Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 105 bays, 2 of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, no bays were occupied. I believe 2 bays are sufficient at this time.

Consideration should be given to moving the Accessible Bays nearer to the Pay Machine for easier access. Drop kerbs would then be required for the Central island.

All measurements were compliant with the Criteria.

### **Lancaster Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 53 bays, none of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays.

I believe that at this time, due to the location of this car park, 2 bays would be sufficient for this facility. Bays should be located near to the Pay machine and the perimeter fence should be shortened to allow easier entry/exit access. All measurements were compliant with the Criteria.

### **Corporation Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 124 bays, none of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. I believe that at this time, due to the location of this car park, 1 bay would be sufficient for this facility. This bay should be located adjacent to the Pay Machine for ease of access.

### **Corporation Square**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 168 bays, none of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. **I believe that at this time, due to the location of this car park, 2 bays would be sufficient for this facility. These bays should be located adjacent to the exit on to Corporation Square for ease of entry/exit to the facility.**

### **Exchange Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 45 bays, 2 of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 3 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, no bays were occupied. I believe 3 bays are sufficient at this time.

[This car park was compliant with all other criteria and should achieve Accreditation.](#)

### **Dunbar Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 36 bays, 2 of which are Accessible Bays. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 3 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, 1 bays was occupied. I believe 3 bays are sufficient at this time.

[This car park was compliant with all other criteria and should achieve Accreditation.](#)

### **Cromac Street**

This is a Pay and Display Car Park comprising of 99 bays, 1 of which is an Accessible Bay. The DPA requirement for a car park with this number of bays is 6 bays. Disabled Motoring UK will accept less than the required number if the Operator can give an assurance that the current number meets demand and they will continue to monitor usage and if demand increases, they will install additional Accessible Bays. At the time of my visit, the bay was unoccupied. I believe that at this time, due to the location of the car park, 1 bay is sufficient.

[This car park was compliant with all other criteria and should achieve Accreditation.](#)