

## Request for 'H' or 'Keep clear' road markings

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The location must have access to 'off street parking' and there must be a dropped kerb for vehicles to use where the driveway meets the road. Applications cannot be considered without both of these.

No additional markings can be placed if double yellow lines are already in place.

*If you have a shared access your neighbour will be contacted as a 'H' marking cannot be put across part of a dropped kerb*

Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: WV.....

Tel. No. .... Mobile No. ....

Reason for requesting markings: .....

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Signature ..... Date .....

Are you by the entrance of a school? YES/NO  
Are you by the entrance to commercial premises? YES/NO  
Do you share your dropped crossing with another property / business YES/NO

Having a 'H' or 'keep clear' marking will not guarantee that the driveway/vehicle access will be kept clear at all times but they have proved successful in deterring drivers from parking across access points. It is worth pointing out that it is an offence under the HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 for someone to cause an obstruction by parking across a driveway. Any such obstruction should be reported to the police who have power to take appropriate action.

When markings have been implemented 'no parking' also applies to the residents of the property and any visitors.

You will be contacted within 28 days from the date the application is received and if the lines are approved it can take around 8 weeks for them to be implemented.

**Please see general information regarding 'H' markings on the back of this form. If you wish to continue with your application please return the completed form, together with a non-returnable application fee of £120.00 made out to Wolverhampton City Council, as a contribution to administration costs to:**

Wolverhampton City Council,  
Traffic and Road Safety,  
Civic Centre,

## General Information

### What is an 'H' marking?

It is a carriageway marking, shaped like an elongated 'H' which is marked adjacent to a vehicular access or driveway. 'H' markings are used to indicate to drivers where a road should be kept clear of waiting or parked vehicles to allow access to properties at the rear of the footpath. These markings can only be provided on roads where there are no existing waiting restrictions.

Obstruction of access to driveways in residential areas is mainly caused by residents/neighbours who know that the driveway/footway crossing area is in use. In these cases, provision of a white 'H' marking is unlikely to solve the problem.

### How long can the marking be?

The marking is only intended to mark out the width of the driveway, and as such will only be provided from a point where the kerbs start sloping down (usually 1 metre from the edge of the driveway).

### Can I use the 'H' marking to reserve a parking space for my own vehicle?

'H' markings on the road are not placed to provide an on-street parking place; they are placed to indicate that an access is not to be obstructed.

The marking is provided solely to delineate the presence of a driveway. If you park your own vehicle there or any visitors, it devalues the meaning of the marking, and shows to other drivers that you do not need access to the driveway.

### Can they be legally enforced?

Whilst they have no legal backing, 'H' markings are a nationally recognised marking, and give West Midlands Police additional evidence to allow them to issue a parking ticket for obstruction if they so desire.

Where an access is 'H' marked and is being obstructed by parked cars, in these circumstances you should contact the Police on 0345 113 5000.

### 'H' marking criterion.

White 'H' marking protection markings are only introduced on the carriageway where the blocking of an access occurs on a regular basis. Applications for 'H' markings are considered where:

- The property has a legal access i.e. access to property is via a properly constructed footway crossing between the road and driveway.
- The property has off-street parking provision i.e. able to park within the confines of the property.
- Access is required to a communal parking area.
- Where there is a dropped kerb to assist pedestrians with prams or wheelchair users to cross the road.
- The property is in close proximity to a school.
- Streets have a combination of shops, offices, schools, community facilities and dwellings where entrances to parking areas are not obvious, and are consequently regularly obstructed and/or business activity is adversely affected as a result.
- Residential streets where entrances to parking areas are not obvious and as a result are regularly obstructed.
- If you do not own the property, you have your landlords support for the request.