CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Application form for advisory 'H-Marking'

Your details			
Name		Date of birth	
Address			
Postcode			
Email address			
Home phone		Mobile phone	
Type of property (e.g. flat, house)			
Do you intend to move in the next 12 months?	Yes ☐	No ☐	

Eligibility				
Is there 'off-street parking' available?	Yes	☐	No	☐
Is there a 'dropped kerb' available?	Yes	☐	No	☐
Is this shared with another property/business?	Yes	☐	No	☐
Are there any 'double yellow lines' already in place?	Yes	☐	No	☐

Request details				
Are you near the entrance to a school?	Yes	☐	No	☐
Are you near the entrance to commercial premises?	Yes	☐	No	☐
Please provide reason(s) for the H Markings request				

Signature

DECLARATION: The above information is correct, and I understand that if this application is approved the H Marking is only advisory and no formal enforcement can be offered. I will arrange for Wolverhampton City Council, Regeneration and Environment to be informed should the marking be no longer required by me.

Signature		Print name	
Date			

Please print and post your completed form, together with a non-returnable application fee of £210.00 as a contribution to administrative costs, to:

Wolverhampton City Council
Traffic and Road Safety,
Civic Centre,
St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton,
WV1 1RP.

For Help, Tel: 01902 551155

Personal information collected on forms
Where we ask you for personal information through a form, this information will only be used for the purpose indicated and it will be held in a secure manner. It will not be used for any other purpose without your permission and will not be kept for longer than necessary.

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 using the non-emergency number 101.

Please note that the City Council's team of Civil Enforcement Officers is unable to issue Penalty Charge Notices or move drivers on when vehicles are parked on an 'H' marking.

'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.