

# Access Protection Markings (APMs)

## What are Access Protection Markings?

Access Protection Markings (APM's) are white 'H' shaped lines painted onto the road. They are used to show other road users that access to a property is required and are particularly useful where visibility is limited.

They are not legally enforceable but advisory therefore our parking enforcement officers are unable to ticket any vehicle.

Although they have no legal status, it is an offence to deliberately cause an obstruction by parking across a vehicle access. If a vehicle blocks a driveway the resident can contact the police on the non-emergency number 101.

An Access Protection Marking is covered under the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 diagram no. 1026.1

## How much do they cost?

It costs £204 per application which covers both the application process and cost associated with the markings being installed. You must complete an application form and the fees be paid in full before the application will be processed.

The cost is based on a standard marking up to 5 metres in length. Additional costs will apply where longer protection.

If your markings become faded and you want to refresh them, you will need to make a new application and pay the fee again.

### **Please note**

Charges are non-refundable and still apply if your application is not successful, so please read the eligibility criteria before applying.

## When will markings be installed?

Within 8 weeks after your payment being received, your markings will be installed. We will schedule these works in along with our routine road lining works.

If your markings become faded and you want the lines re-painting you will need to make another application and the same fee will apply.

## What is the application criteria for APMs?

**Access Protection Markings will not prevent inconsiderate parking and they are not legally enforceable.**

You should only apply if:

- The access is not obvious to drivers e.g. a concealed entrance
- There is a proven problem of continuous obstruction

If you feel that your situation meets both these conditions and you can provide evidence of this such as images that are dated, then you should complete the online form.

Each application will be considered based on its merits and specific location. APMs will only be considered where there is:

- a legal dropped kerb at the property access
- no existing waiting restrictions (yellow lines).
- no conflict in parking needs, such as near to schools or shops
- supporting evidence of previous obstruction

We will make a final discretionary decision based on the factors above, and site observations.

# Applicant details

Name

Address

Contact Number/s

Email

Are you applying on behalf of someone else?    Yes / No

Name of the road on which the Access Protection Marking (APM) is required

Quote Reference Number  
(office use only)

The reasons that you are applying, including any specific or persistent problems.

# Highways

YES

NO

Does the property have an existing APM?

If Yes, are you requesting an extension to this APM and by how much ?  
(i.e. number of kerbs/measurement)

Is there a dropped kerb at the location?

Is the requested location of the APM within 10 metres of either  
a junction and /or roundabout ?

Does the dropped kerb provide access to a drive way or  
hard standing on which to park a vehicle?

Are there any parking restrictions / markings on the road  
outside the property ?



# Planning

Note that from the 1st October 2008 any property proposing to construct a hardstanding within its boundary could require planning permission. If you are proposing to construct a new hardstanding you will need to contact Planning Enquiries on 01908 252358 for advice.

**YES**

**NO**

Are you applying for a vehicle access as a result of an existing Planning application?

If Yes please enclose a copy of drawings including any conditions and enter your Planning Reference Number here:

In order to enable us to process your application, please draw a plan (view from above) to indicate the approximate location for the APM (including; the property, dropped kerb, footpaths and roads with road name clearly shown.



## What happens next...

We will contact you by phone to take the payment for the £204 fee. Once that has been processed we will carry out a site survey to decide whether we are able to provide Access Protection Markings at your chosen site. This can be done using a credit or debit card. Please note that we are unable to accept cheques.

**Signature of applicant:**

**Print name:**

**Date:**

When you have completed this form please email it to: [highways.liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:highways.liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Alternatively you can post it to us at:

Highways Liaison Team

The Civic,

1 Saxon Gate East,

Milton Keynes,

MK9 3EJ.

If you are having any difficulties completing the application call 01908 252353.

## How we store your data

We collect and use information about you so that we can provide you with Highway services under the relevant legislation.

Full details about how we use this data and the rights you have around this can be found at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk)

If you have any data protection queries, please email the Data Protection Officer at: [data.protection@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:data.protection@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or call 01908 252353.