

SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRIT BIN POLICY

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.

GRIT BIN PROVISION

Any application for a grit bin in addition to those already provided must be made to Bradford Council by phoning **01274 432111**. If such an application is refused the applicant may make an application to Silsden Town Council via its website silsdentowncouncil.gov.uk

The Town Council will consider requests for grit bins, from residents of Silsden that meet with the set criteria.

Key factors that are considered include;

- Height of land i.e. altitude
- Highway gradient
- Highway safety
- Distance to next grit box

Other factors include the proximity to elderly persons' accommodation; junction problems, the available funding in place to pay for the provision of extra grit bins.

Grit bins shall only be located where at least one of the criteria in **List A** are met and all the remaining criteria in **List B**:-

List A

1. The road has a steep incline ie the gradient is greater than 1 in 10 or a sharp bend
2. A junction or road with a known history of accidents
3. An acceptable number of disabled or elderly residents

List B

1. Not on a Priority 1 [or Priority 2] route already gritted by Bradford Council
2. Must be for use on the public highway (road and footway)
3. The location shall not obstruct the passage of pedestrians, a minimum of 1.5m clearance on the footway is required
4. The location shall not obstruct sight lines for vehicles or pedestrians.
5. The location is not within 200m of another grit bin location
6. The location is within an urban area
7. The location is either within the boundary of the public road or can be sited on private land with the landowner's permission in a way to give safe uninterrupted access by residents, and Bradford Council operatives or other authorized persons.

PLEASE NOTE

- The Town Council will not provide grit bins in private areas or car parks or any other public or private property such as schools, [parks], hospitals or old people's homes.
- Grit bins will only be located where they can be filled safely by operatives from Bradford Council.
- The grit bins will be filled annually by Bradford Council, the cost of which will be recharged to the Town Council. Additional refills are only available on request to the clerk [and with agreement from the Town Council]
- Grit bins will be left in place during the summer months.
- The grit in the bin is purely for use on the public highway. If the grit is used on private land/footpaths/driveways consideration will be given for the removal of the bin.
- The locations of grit bins will be recorded and made available on the Town Council's website.
- Only written requests on the Council's Grit Bin Application Form will be considered. These will be available on the website or by request from the clerk.
- [An application will not be considered unless the agreement is signed by at least 50% of households within 100 meters of the proposed bin.]
- Before any installation is finally approved agreement will need to be given by Bradford Council Councils, as the highway authority, for the siting of the bin and it's servicing