



**Kidderminster Town Council**  
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## **POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF GRIT BINS IN KIDDERMINSTER**

### **Kidderminster Town Council sets out the following guidelines for the provision of Grit Bins in Kidderminster.**

Grit bins will normally be provided and maintained with stocks of salt/grit mixture where they provide a necessary improvement to road safety and benefit to the community with the service provided by Worcestershire County Council

Initial enquiries must in the first instance be directed through the Worcestershire County Council website.

Kidderminster Town Council will only consider the installation of a grit bin in Kidderminster if any initial approval has been rejected by Worcestershire County Council.

### **Grit Bin Provision**

- Each ward will be allocated a maximum of 1 x request per year and will align within the agreed Budget.
- Ward Members can only request a grit bin for their specific ward. (Consultation with your ward colleagues is advised before applying for a grit bin)
- The Council will not provide grit bins in private areas or car parks for internal use by any other Council or any other public or private property such as schools, parks, hospitals, old people's homes, etc unless a service level agreement is in place
- Kidderminster Town Council grit bins will be green in colour
- Grit bins will only be located where a vehicle can get close to replenish salt supplies.
- The grit bins will be replenished at the start of the winter period and once during the winter period. Additional fills are at the Council's discretion.
- Grit bins should generally be left in place during the summer months unless there is a history of vandalism at a particular location.
- The locations of grit bins will be recorded and made available on the Council's website.
- Only requests submitted by elected Kidderminster Town Councillors will be considered for a Grit Bin. Elected members can be found on the Kidderminster Town Council's website.

- The salt in the bins is used ***for the purpose of gritting public highways and footways***
- No liability for any incident involving the use of the salt accrues to KTC.
- Even if KTC resolves to purchase a bin, Worcestershire County Council Highways may still conduct a strict assessment process.
- Consideration will be given for the gradient of the road.
- Consideration will be given for the proximity of bends and junctions, level of traffic use, number of premises/ residential dwellings and proximity of more vulnerable residents.
- Before any installation is approved, agreement will need to be given by the Public Realm and Operations Manager (**whose decision will be final**), and may seek further advice on location with the Highway Authority, for the siting of the bin.

### **Grit Bin Acceptance**

- Grit Bin Installation and replenishing will be the responsibility of the Kidderminster Town Council within the agreed budget.
- This function will be carried out by the Kidderminster Lengthsman.
- Grits bins will be recorded, and location made available on Kidderminster Town Council website.
- Kidderminster Town Council will consider exceptional one-off requests (budget permitting) for the installation of a Grit Bin and fulfils the following criteria:
  - The installation of a Grit Bin must have a discernable benefit to residences in the area
  - There is a demonstrable need for the Grit Bin
  - That a suitable location for the bin is available. This will involve a full inspection by the Public Realm and Operations Manager who will be able to advise on any potential requests. Final decision will be at the discretion of the Public Realm and Operations Manager.
- Budget permitting.