

# Temporary Dispensations and Suspensions of Parking Restrictions

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## Temporary Dispensations from Parking Restrictions

A Dispensation authorises a vehicle (or vehicles) to park in contravention of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) where it is safe to do so. It allows parking where alternative arrangements cannot be made for the following principal reasons:

- Loading/unloading where this activity is either normally prohibited or the permitted parking period is insufficient; or
- Situations where alternative arrangements would be unsatisfactory. (See below).

A dispensation does not permit 'general' parking and it does not allow a vehicle to remain in a restricted/prohibited area once the dispensation purpose has been fulfilled. At that time the vehicle must be moved and be parked elsewhere lawfully.

It is proposed that dispensations may be issued for:-

- Furniture Removals
- Building/maintenance/repair works where close proximity to the site is essential
- Goods deliveries where it is reasonable to allow longer than is normally permitted by the regulations.
- The hearse and chief mourners at funerals.
- The bridal and attendant's vehicles at weddings.
- Vehicles essential to approved/licensed filming operations
- Other circumstances where the Council (that is, the highway authority, or its agent) is satisfied that the alternative arrangements cannot be found and a dispensation may be regarded as essential.

Dispensations will **not** be issued for:-

- Applications where parking may adversely affect on or off street disabled, doctors or business parking bays together with taxi ranks, bus stops, and bus lanes during restricted times.
- Applications where loading restrictions are in place if the dispensation is requested during the restricted periods.
- At locations within 50 metres of a signal controlled junction, the entry/exit of a pedestrian crossing markings, on a footway and/or other locations where parking may cause danger to pedestrians and other road users or where serious obstruction or traffic flow impediment may result.
- Where the validity of an application cannot be confirmed.
- Generally for applications in respect of vehicles where dispensations have been issued more than twice within the four weeks before the date of the application under consideration. Issuing officers will have the discretion to vary this in confirmed extenuating circumstances.

Applications must be made in writing (an application form is available) and be received 2 working days before the required date to enable the proposed parking site to be inspected if necessary before approval is given. Issuing officers will have the discretion to deal with more urgent applications if it is deemed reasonable to do so.

Except in extenuating circumstances dispensations will not be issued for periods of more than five days and will not authorise more than two vehicles at any one location unless the issuing officer is satisfied that under all the prevailing circumstances at the preferred location it is safe to do so.

Dispensations will be issued in writing. The details will be given to the parking attendant patrolling the area concerned and a record of the dispensation will be logged.

An administrative charge of £15 per vehicle, per dispensation, per day or part thereof will be made and is payable in advance. There will be no charge for funerals. A charge of £5 per additional day is made.