



## BIRSTALL PARISH COUNCILS GRIT BIN PROVISION POLICY & PROCEDURE

The Parish Council's Grit Bin Provision Policy & Procedure was adopted at a Council meeting held on: 14 September 2020.

The Parish Council will consider requests for grit bins, from residents of Birstall, that meet with Leicestershire County Council's and the Parish Council's 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 e.g. elderly persons' accommodation; known water problems; junction problems, 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 seven in **List B**:-

### **List A**

- The road has a steep incline or sharp bend;
- A junction with a known history of accidents;
- Acceptable number of disabled or elderly residents:

### **List B**

- Not on a route already gritted by the Leicestershire County Council;
  - Must be for use on the public highway (road and footway)
  - The location shall not obstruct the passage of pedestrians, a minimum of 1.5m clearance on the footway is required;
  - The location shall not obstruct sight lines;
  - The location is not within 200m of another grit bin location;
  - The location is within an urban area;
  - 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, Birstall Parish Council operatives and Leicestershire County Council operatives.
1. The Parish 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.
  2. Grit bins will only be located where they can be filled from a Leicestershire County Council Highways lorry. The grit bins are replenished by Leicestershire County Council as resources permit.
  3. Grit bins will be left in place during the summer months.
  4. 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.

5. The locations of grit bins will be recorded and made available on the Parish Council's website.
6. Only written requests on the Council's Grit Bin Application Form will be considered. These are available on the website or from the Parish Council offices.
7. An application will not be considered unless the agreement is signed by at least 50% of households within 100 metres of the proposed bin.
8. Before any installation is finally approved agreement will need to be given by Leicestershire County Councils, as the highway authority, for the siting of the bin and its servicing