

Appendix: Blue Badge – Summary of Regulations

The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. The restrictions applying to where you must not park are sensible and only courteous to other road users.

You must not park:

During times (as displayed on nearby posts) when loading is not permitted on single or double yellow lines, or in pedestrian areas.

Where there are double white lines in the centre of the road, even if one of the lines is broken.

In bus lanes, during the hours of its operation.

In a cycle lane.

On any pedestrian crossing of any nature, or within the zig-zag markings.

In specific reserved parking bays, such as for loading bays, cycle bays, taxis, residents parking etc.

In suspended or prohibited meter bays.

Temporary parking regulations are in force.

On school keep clear parking areas.

Where, in parking, one would be obstructive or cause a danger to others, such as at bus stops, hump back

bridges, close to a junction, emergency vehicle entrances, pavements etc.

Unless specifically stated so, the national scheme does not apply to:

Private roads,

Off street car parks,

Some town centres where access is prohibited or limited to vehicles with special permits issued locally.

Some airport road systems.

Council pay and display car parks, are often free to the disabled. Always check the meter & display board with the rates, but so far, the vast majority of car parks that I have used are free to the disabled.

Current deliberate exceptions that I am aware of are:

Some Central **Havant Council** car parks.

2 Central **Fareham** lifting barrier entry car parks.

Portsmouth and **Southsea** town centres (look for the signs!).

New Forest District Council car parks, unless the car is exempt from Road Fund Licence (Car Tax).

Southampton West Quay multi storey car parks.

Those Blue Badge holders living within **Fareham Borough**, may obtain a swipe card from **Fareham Civic Centre**, which allows them free parking. If hiring a mobility scooter from **Fareham Shopmobility** located in the multi storey car park, you can request from them a one time only swipe exit card, which also ensures free parking.

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