

Maidenhead Town Centre Blue Badge Parking

There are approximately 3,000 off-street parking spaces around Maidenhead town centre, 68 of these are blue badge spaces. There are also 26 on-street town centre blue badge parking spaces.

Traffic Advisory Leaflet 5/95, published in 1995, provides guidance on the number of disabled parking spaces to be provided. For off-street car parks whose primary purpose is shopping, recreation and leisure the minimum number of disabled parking spaces is:

- Car parks < 200 spaces: 3 bays or 6% of total capacity, whichever is greater; and
- Car parks > 200 spaces: 4 bays plus 4% of total capacity.

Using this guidance there should currently be 119 disabled parking bays in Maidenhead town centre car parks, almost double the actual provision.

Many of the on and off street blue badge parking locations will be impacted by the redevelopments around the town centre.

- Broadway and West St are the car parks with blue badge parking closest to the High Street shops and amenities. These have 16 blue badge parking bays between them.
 - Shopmobility also has 14 spaces for their members in Broadway car park. Peter Haley is in dialogue with RBWM and the developer about the relocation of Shopmobility during the redevelopment of Broadway.
 - West St also has 8 on-street blue badge parking spaces.
- St Ives Road has 4 on-street blue badge parking spaces which are used by visitors to Maidenhead Library and the Town Hall.
- Hines Meadow car park has 34 blue badge parking bays on floors 3 & 4.
- There are two on-street blue badge spaces in High St (close to The Bear)

Question : What temporary disabled parking provision will there be in Maidenhead town centre while the Broadway car park is being demolished and redeveloped ?

The Magnet Centre car park is not a suitable venue. It is too far away from the major amenities (Banks, Post Office, major shops). Pedestrian access to the town centre is via subway or footbridge over St Cloud Way. These are not navigable by many people with disabilities and subways can increase the sense of vulnerability / fear of crime.

Question : If St Ives Road is pedestrianised, where will the on-street blue badge spaces for the Library & Town Hall be relocated ?

Question : Where will the two on-street blue badge spaces in High St be relocated when the Colonnade is demolished and redeveloped for housing ?

Question : Will the partial demolition of Hines Meadow for housing development affect the number of blue badge spaces in Hines Meadow car park ?

Question : Will RBWM use the guidance in Traffic Advisory Leaflet 5/95 to determine the future number of off-street blue badge parking spaces that will be provided in Maidenhead town centre ?

The Access Advisory Forum expects there to be no decrease in the total number of town centre disabled parking spaces (on and off-street) during the town centre regeneration. The situation should be closely monitored by RBWM and the AAF proactively consulted about proposed changes due to town centre car parks being developed for housing.