

Bracknell Town Council

Salt Bin Policy

Background

In recent years Bracknell Forest has withdrawn Salt Bins from a number of areas of the town as they were identified as not meeting their criteria which requires two points to be met

1. The bin should not be sited on a primary salting route unless it is intended for use on an adjoining road, which is not on the salting route.
2. Salt bins are only sited where there is a continuous steep and/or hazardous gradient of at least 10% (1 in 10) and where there are occupied buildings nearby.

Additionally some bins are placed at strategic locations on the footway and cycle network where there is high usage.

The Borough's Town and Parish Council's may sponsor salt bins in locations of their choice. Sponsoring a salt bin does not put any onus on the Parish or Town Council regarding the use or abuse of the facility as they remain the responsibility of the Borough. Sponsorship requires an initial payment of approximately £500 for the bin with £100 annually for the salt.

Policy

When requests are received for additional sponsored salt-bins the Recreation and Environment Committee will consider the request and seek further information if this is felt to be required.

The Council does not believe it has the capacity, or expertise to develop and test criteria beyond those set by the Borough.

Therefore the decision on whether a salt bin will be sponsored at a requested location will be by simple majority vote of the Recreation and Environment Committee when the matter is raised as an Agenda item.

The Town Council will budget £1,000 per annum for the provision and replenishment of sponsored salt-bins.