

HARDSTANDING APPLICATION PROCESS

Before applying for a hardstanding on your NEDDC/Rykneld property you need to make sure that it fits the following criteria:

- You must have at least 6m from the front boundary of your home to the wall of your home so that you can have a 5m long drive with space to walk round the back of your car.
- The hardstanding must be 3m wide, unless laid alongside a path, in which case it can be a minimum of 2.5m.
- The maximum size of any hardstanding (unless specifically approved by NEDDC/Rykneld Homes) is 18m².
- The gradient of the hardstanding can be no more than 1 in 12 – this means that the difference in height between the front and back of a 5m drive can be no more than 416mm

The application process

1. Contact Rykneld Homes on 01246 217670 and ask to speak to your Housing and Support Team about the process of applying for a driveway/hardstanding
2. You can find details of the Application and Specifications online at <https://www.rykneldhomes.org.uk/your-home/your-tenancy/request-hardstanding/>
3. Your completed application and supporting documentation should be sent to the Rykneld Homes Neighbourhood Team for processing.
4. NEDDC Engineers Team will carry out a survey to check feasibility
5. If your application is successful, you will receive a permission letter from Rykneld Homes.
6. You will then need to apply to Derbyshire County Council for permission to cross the highway. The cost of this is currently £50 and permission must be granted prior to any works being carried out. The contractor you engage to install your dropped crossing must have £5 million of public liability insurance. Note: You are responsible for providing Rykneld Homes with sight of the above permission prior to any works commencing.
7. It is your responsibility to check with NEDDC's planning department (01246 217159) whether you need planning permission. You will definitely need planning permission if you plan on siting your hardstanding on a classified road, live in a conservation area or are planning on having standard concrete or tarmac but are unable to dispose of the surface water by soakaway or infiltration. If you require advice on whether this applies, contact NEDDC's Engineering Department on 01246 217397.
8. Please note that the work should be started/completed within the next 12 months otherwise you will be required to re-apply for permission.
9. Please notify NEDDC Engineers on 01246 217397 or email on engineering@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk of your planned start date.
10. On completion you must notify Rykneld Homes to arrange an inspection of works.

Notes:

- You may carry out the work on your hardstanding yourself, but you must ensure that it is completed to a good standard and it meets the Standard Driveway/Hardstanding Specification.
- Work on the highway (dropped crossing) needs to be done by a competent contractor who holds appropriate insurance and NRSWA qualifications.
- Any alterations carried out without the correct permissions constitutes a breach of tenancy and enforcement action may be taken by Rykneld Homes.