

Brentwood Borough Council

Assets of community value

Nomination form

For including land on the List of Assets of Community Value

Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value Regulations 2012

Please ensure that you provide adequate and accurate information to enable Brentwood Borough Council to make a decision on your nomination. You may attach photos, maps, plans and other documents to help us correctly identify the asset and to support your nomination. For information and guidance about how Brent Council considers nominations for assets of community value, please visit [WEB PAGE](#) link

Completed forms should be sent either via email to localism@brentwood.gov.uk or by post to:

Community Assets Register
Brentwood Borough Council
Town Hall
Ingrave Road
Brentwood
Essex
CM15 8AY

1. About your Organisation

a) Contact Details

Name of your organisation:	Brentwood Access Group
Address:	The Brentwood Access Group Secretary C/o 7 The Almshouses, High Street Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 9HP
Name of Contact Person:	Jim Hoare
Phone:	01277 37 55 37
Email:	jim@shenrec.co.uk

b) Eligibility for applying

To be eligible to nominate a community asset for listing, you must be a voluntary or community body:

- § A neighbourhood forum
- § An unincorporated body whose members include at least 21 members and does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members
- § A charity
- § A company limited by guarantee which does not distribute surplus to members
- § An industrial and provident society which does not distribute surplus to members
- § A community interest company.

Also please demonstrate how a 'local connection' exists namely how your organisation's activities are wholly or partly concerned with the local authority's area or with a neighbouring borough's area.

In the case of an unincorporated body, company limited by guarantee and an industrial and provident society, these have a 'local connection' if any surplus generated is applied for the benefit of the borough, or a neighbouring borough.

In the case of an unincorporated body it has a local connection if the body has 21 local members, namely persons who are on the register of local government elections for Brent, or a neighbouring borough.

1. If you are an incorporated organisation please describe the legal form of your organisation including registration number(s) where applicable (e.g. company limited by guarantee, charitable organisation, community interest company etc.)

Organisation Type:	Unincorporated body
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Registration Number(s):	
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2. If your organisation carries out activities for profit please describe below how you use the surplus that is generated.



3. If you are an unincorporated organisation please describe below what provisions are made for community benefit in your constitution:

The constitution of the Brentwood Access Group states that the Group shall advise, promote and achieve access to all buildings, public areas and mobility related facilities in the Brentwood area for all disabled people. This includes addressing the needs of the disabled people of Brentwood relating to access, transport, parking facilities, mobility in general and equality of opportunity to enjoy the whole environment.

The Group has worked closely with Brentwood Borough Council (and the predecessor Brentwood local authorities) for more than thirty years. Indeed, an appointed liaison Councillor and Access Officer regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings, hosted in the Town Hall.

4. Please describe how your organisation has a local connection to the area where the asset has been identified:

The Brentwood Access Group by definition is connected to the Brentwood area. The Group has a long and proud history, well documented and featured in the local press, of fighting for the improvement of the built environment within the Borough for people with disabilities. For example, raising the access to the old main post office, advising on wheelchair accessible taxis, being part of the consultation team for the new High Street layout.

In 2013 members of the Group were invited to meetings with senior officers of the Council (including Roy Ormsby and Adrian Tidbury) to comment upon and give our opinion regarding proposed plans for car parks for people with disabilities in the town centre, specifically William Hunter Way. After listening to our comments, substantive changes to the proposals were made, as those Council Officers can attest.

2. About the Asset

a) Please give your reasons why Brentwood Borough Council should include the land on its List of Assets of Community Value

In order to list land or buildings the Council must be of the opinion that:

1. An actual current use of the building or other land (which is not ancillary use) furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and
2. It is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or other land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

Or

3. There is a time in the recent past when an actual use of the building or other land (that was not an ancillary use of the building or other land) furthered the social wellbeing or

social interests of the local community and

4. It is realistic to think there is a time in the next five years (where there could be non-ancillary use of the building or other land) that would further (whether or not in the same way as before) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community

Please provide information below which supports your nomination having regard to the test set out above.

The car park for people with disabilities in William Hunter Way benefits disabled motorists and disabled passengers by providing a uniquely safe parking facility, segregated from the dangers of highway traffic, yet adjacent to the town centre. This facility encourages disabled persons to visit and spend money in Brentwood, benefitting the local economy.

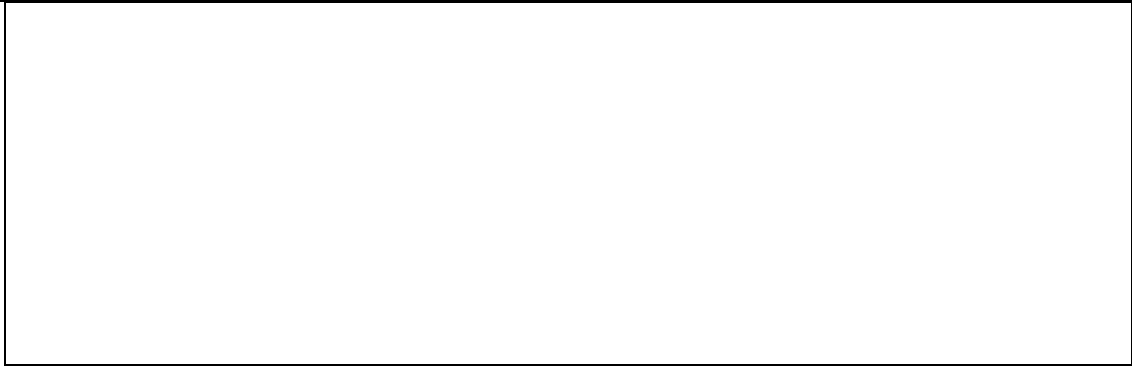
Disabled motorists, when alighting from their cars or wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV's) are particularly vulnerable to being hit by passing traffic. That threat comes particularly from either passing traffic on a highway or other motorists trying to find spaces in mixed use car parks – ie those facilities providing spaces for both disabled and able bodied motorists. William Hunter Way car park offers the safest available parking for the disabled in Brentwood. This facility is a zone of safety in a busy town centre. For wheelchair users, the parking spaces in the High Street, where transfer to and from the wheelchair occurs within inches of passing cars, buses and HGV's is much more dangerous.

The William Hunter Way spaces also have the benefit of no height restriction. Many WAV's need more headroom than is available in multi storey car parks.

It is also important to consider the topography the car park and of Brentwood town centre. The car park itself is flat: hoists in many WAV's are unable to cope with slopes. Sloping parking facilities are also less suitable for wheelchair users. Height above sea level: this car park is on the same level as the centre of the town. From all other car parks, the centre of the High Street is uphill. This is the area with the most useful and popular amenities including the Post Office. For a manual wheelchair user, level access an important consideration.

The value and popularity of this facility to the community is demonstrated by the high usage during shopping hours. Indeed, demand for these parking spaces in William Hunter Way for people with disabilities regularly exceeds the available spaces.

Therefore we submit that the actual current use of the car park for people with disabilities in William Hunter Way furthers the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community and it is realistic to think that the local community can continue to benefit in the same manner.



b) Description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries

We nominate the existing car park designated for the sole use of blue badge holders in William Hunter Way. The boundary of this land to the north adjoins the southern end of North Road Avenue. To the west the boundary is and includes the access slip road from the roundabout in William Hunter Way. To the south the boundary is the northern footpath of William Hunter Way opposite The Imperial Peking restaurant. To the east the boundary is the brick wall of the electricity substation.

c) Names of current occupants of land

Brentwood Borough Council provides the car park for use of Blue Badge holders visiting Brentwood. Sensibly, the Council must be considered the effective occupants.

d) Names and addresses (or last known address) of all those holding a freehold or leasehold interest in the land

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