



Bishophill Area – Access Restrictions

Access control has been introduced in the Bishophill area of the city. This system – an Intelligent Bollard – has been designed so as to provide absolute protection to residents whose streets have been used as ‘rat runs’ and where all other means of stopping such use have failed.

The arrangement consists of two rising bollards – one to control inbound traffic and the other outbound – which are normally set in the up position. The holders of a special Residents Access Key fob have the ability to lower these bollards and thus to come and go freely through the control area. All others – except emergency vehicles – are not able to use the controlled area at all.

The Intelligent Bollards are located so as to control the ‘front door’ to Bishophill, namely Victoria Bar. The ‘back door’, namely Cromwell Road (access via Skeldergate) remains open at all times and is thus the route to use for all non residents vehicles (trades people, residents, visitors etc.)

The control arrangement operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Taxis and private hire vehicles are exempt from the control area unless actually conveying a resident with a Residents Access Key fob.
- Businesses in the Bishophill area are not entitled to a Residents Access Key fob and are thus not permitted to use the control area.

Administrative arrangements

The administrative arrangements governing the issue of Residents’ Access Key fobs are as follows:

- If a person is a householder or the first applicant in a House of Multiple Occupancy, whether or not they own/keep a motor vehicle, then they may be issued with a Bishophill Residents’ Key fob which can be used by them or a member of their household.
- Additionally, if a person is a member of a household who owns/keeps a motor vehicle at the address or they are other than the first applicant in a House of Multiple Occupancy then, on proof of ownership/keeping, they may be issued with a key fob.

These arrangements ensure, so far as possible, a consistent and flexible approach to entitlement and minimise any discriminatory effects that would otherwise be experienced if issue were to be restricted to car owners/keepers.

Access Key fob Request

Access Key fobs are issued free of charge but only upon payment of a fully refundable deposit. This will be returned only upon return of the key fob. This is to ensure that people who move from the area do not hang on to their key fob and use it to gain access to the area at a later time.

Key fob Security

To guard against additional key fobs being obtained and sold on to those who should not have them, any key fob lost for whatever reason, will not be replaced without payment of an administration fee of £100. In the unlikely event that the same resident loses that key fob again the administration fee payable would rise to £200. A third and final replacement would only be issued on payment an administration fee of a £300.

Mis-use will result in the Key fob being withdrawn. The electronic system controlling the Intelligent Bollard is capable of recognising unique Access Key fobs and barring the operation of the bollard to that key fob. In other words a key fob that has been misused or notified to us as lost can and will be deactivated.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a key fob a person will firstly need to be the householder at an address which is situated within the York (Bishophill) Restrictions of Driving Area. As a householder it is not necessary that a person owns or has use of a motor vehicle and a holder may allow a member of their household to use the key fob. Any member of that household who owns or keeps a motor vehicle at that address may, subject to certain conditions, also be issued with a key fob.

A resident in registered multiple occupancy premises may also, subject to certain conditions, be issued with a key fob.

Application Forms

These are available from reception at West Offices or you can print one from the web page.