

# Dropped kerbs vehicle access

## **Service summary:**

**We consider applications from householders and businesses to lower the kerbs outside their property to let them park off the road.**

## **We will:**

- check each site to see if it's suitable
- contact the council's Planning Department to see if consent is required
- send you an application pack if the site is suitable
- help you fill in the form if you wish
- inspect the work in progress to make sure it meets our specifications
- assume responsibility for maintaining the dropped kerb as long as it meets our specifications and the contractor has guaranteed his work for a year. You must use one of our approved contractors who are properly insured/qualified to carry out works of this nature
- get in touch with householders who should have a dropped kerb but don't.

## **You can help by:**

- filling in the form clearly. Please ask us if you're not sure about anything
- making sure your contractor lets us know in advance his proposed start and where possible finish dates so that we can inspect the work in progress. If he doesn't do this, we may not be able to approve the work if it's not up to standard.

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### Contact us:

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Frequently asked questions with answers for the

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1. If I am building a garage or hard standing, do I need to lower the kerb?

Yes, if the road is a public highway and you will need to drive over the pavement or verge to get on your property.

2. Can you give me a price for lowering the kerb?

No, but we give you a list of accredited contractors with the application form. You can ask as many as you like for quotations.

3. Can I lower the kerb myself or ask my builder to do it?

It is unlikely you or your builder will have the necessary insurance and qualifications to carry out work on the highway. You should use one of the approved contractors on the list we send you. If you'd like to find out what insurance and qualifications are needed, just give us a call.

4. Other properties in my road haven't had their kerbs lowered. Why should I?

Just because they haven't done things properly doesn't mean you shouldn't. You do need to apply for a dropped kerb if you have to drive over the pavement or verge to get on to your property. We'll look at the other properties in your road and take appropriate action.

5. How much does it cost?

You'll need to send us a fee with your application, to cover the cost of our inspections and processing your application. Current fees are set out in the appendix at the end of these Service Standards or are available on [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk).