

Winter Service Scrutiny: Grit Bin Information

The Highways team currently supply just over 350 grit bins on the public highway across the city. These have been sited in response to residents' or local business' requests. The majority of locations are in wards to the north, east and north-west of the city, where the cold temperatures are traditionally the most severe. Housing may also site grit bins on their own land in response to tenants' requests – these are not serviced by the Highways team.

Traditionally grit bins have been requested – and sited – for self-help with road treatment. Until the most recent snowfalls, pavement clearance has not been such an issue as we have tended to have light snowfalls that melt during the day.

From the Winter Service Plan:

Salt/Grit Containers

12.1. A mixture of salt/grit is stored in bins at various roadside sites throughout Brighton and Hove as a self help for motorists.

12.2. The general principles for providing a bin are as follows: -

12.2.1. Bins would not normally be situated on spreader routes unless there was considered to be a special need.

12.2.2. Hills, steep junctions and places where water can seep across the carriageway, are general siting considerations.

12.3. Location of salt/grit containers are shown in Appendix N. Currently there are over 350 bins throughout the City.

12.4. Certain organisations such as police, fire, schools, may collect small quantities of salt from Hollingdean Depot for use around their premises. Authorisation for this must come from the WSDO, and visitors must adhere to risk assessment procedures for collecting salt, shown in Appendix R.

From the Website:

What are salt/grit bins for?

Salt bins are provided at over 300 locations in the city, often on steep road junctions or hills. They are not usually placed on major salting routes. They are there for anyone to make use of in icy weather.

Can I have a salt/grit bin?

Please complete [an online application for a salt/grit bin to be installed or removed](#) (generally, hills and steep junctions are given preference) or email gritbinrequest@brighton-hove.gov.uk

New requests:

The council has received 457 requests for additional grit bins. We have not yet had the opportunity to check these for duplication or to plot on a map.

Cost

The cost of one refill for the current allocation of 350 grit bins is £37,000 This includes contractor time and cost of materials.

The cost of each grit bin is: £150 for the bin itself but also need to add installation costs (via our Highway contractor).

Grit Bin Map on council website

