GMC Resolve to Help Disabled

Councillor Dennis Allen, Chairman of GMC's Highways Committee, makes a plea for able-bodied motorists to avoid parking their cars in spaces reserved for disabled drivers. Councillor Allen went on to say if able-bodied drivers realised the inconvenience and frustration they cause I am sure they would avoid these areas.

Representatives from the Greater Manchester Highways and Disability Group met GMC Councillors at County Hall on Thursday 20th September 1984 to highlight the difficulties they experience when using the highways, and seek the Council's help to resolve their problems.

A major problem is the illegal use of parking bays reserved for the disabled, also, the parking of cars across kerbed ramps which make accessibility for people in wheelchairs impossible. The problem exists throughout the County making life very difficult for the disabled driver to enter or use many Town Centres.

To discourage parking in reserved places or across kerbed ramps the GM Highways and Disability Group have designed a polite notice which will be distributed throughout the County. Their members will place the notice on the windscreen of offending vehicles in the hope that it will persuade drivers to be more thoughtful when parking their cars.

Copies of the notice are available from GM Highways and Disability Group, GM Council of Voluntary Service, Ardwick Green North, Manchester M12 6FZ.

Displaying the orange badge permits parking in many no-waiting zones but, say the representatives for the disabled, it is of little compensation to a disabled driver who anticipates using a reserved parking bay next to a toilet only to find that it is occupied by an able-bodied driver.
Councillor Allen assured the Group that he would investigate all their observations and support any remedial action possible to make life more tolerable for the disabled.

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