

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Proposed changes to Grit bin and salt provision review

### 1. Why have the Council proposed the decision not to refill grit bins?

Bolton Council need to make £8.2m efficiency savings. As grit bins are not a statutory service for local authorities to deliver, we must make the difficult decision as to whether to continue to deliver this service at its current operational level.

### 2. How many grit bins across the borough will be impacted by the proposal?

All grit bins across the borough will be impacted by the proposal.

### 3. Where are the grit bins across the borough?

All grit bins are listed on our [gritting website](#).

### 4. Can anybody use grit bins?

Grit bins are for the use of residents in that area, on the public footpath and roads; It is **NOT** for use on private driveways

### 5. Am I liable if I spread grit and there's an accident?

The Government have produced clear guidance on clearing snow and ice, including liability. Their website clearly states that *"it's unlikely that you'll be sued or held responsible if someone is injured on a path or pavement if you've cleared it carefully"*. Further information is available on their webpage: [Clear snow from a road, path or cycleway - GOV.UK](#).

**6. Are any additional gritting measures taken to Bolton's highways during the winter months?**

Bolton Council's gritting service runs from October through to April and the gritters are on standby 24 hours a day. Stock grit bins are also provided for use on the public highway. The Council carry out gritting on 510km (317 miles) of main traffic routes, however it's not possible to treat every road with the resources available.

**7. Where can I find out more about the gritting service at Bolton Council, including the routes that are treated?**

All information on gritting is available on our [gritting website](#).