

No Go Areas in
Aston cum Aughton and Area
For Wheelchairs and Mobility
Scooters

**Including hazards and
limitations**

This information is correct from council sources and visual inspection at time of printing March 2016

To get to the following from Aston cum Aughton

Across Mansfield Road to get to Wales

You can only get down one side of the road fully but there is no safe access crossing point of the A57 (by pass). That is if you can get across the Brookhouse rd/Mansfield rd /Lodge Lane junction. Where on one side there is no pavement and on the other side the pavement vanishes. There are no Kerb droppings from Aston to by pass.

Access to Rother Valley Country Park down Brookhouse rd (right hand side progress only)

That is if you can get across the Brookhouse rd/Mansfield rd /Lodge Lane junction. Where on one side there is no pavement (on the Lincoln Weldro side corner and length of factory) and on the other side the pavement vanishes. There are no Kerb droppings. Depending on when you go down Brookhouse rd you may encounter cars parked in the various driveways in the week this hampers progression. At the bottom you have to manoeuvre through cars parked on the concrete slab for the garage. When you eventually get to the gate the right of way is dangerous for disabled people to get to the gate (if you are not good on your feet) get through it and if you have a key get on all fours to open it and same again when closing(Rotherham MBC aware). This is due to concrete path and rough ground. The big gate is now being reassessed as know one has a key yet and style of it. Which is no use for Mobility Scooters or Wheelchairs.

To cross from Lodge lane now that the central reservations have been putting it is a good 200mtrs to Cross the road to get down Brookhouse Road.

Chesterfield rd crossing A57 to get to Rother Valley Country Park or Beighton

At first visit it looks ok but for someone pushing a wheelchair it could be a major hazard as traffic is both coming from Woodhouse Mill or off the Roundabout around 40 mph).(Rotherham MBC aware). It has also been brought to the attention Gullivers Kingdom for future plans.

Warning Rother Valley Country Park

If you think your mobility scooter will need recharging to get back home. Please take your charger with you. Recharging is available on request

To get to Woodhouse Mill down Sheffield Road from Swallownest Traffic Lights

The Pavement on right until at the bottom of hill, you cannot get across too. No kerb droppings at West Park Drive. After the Access to Aston Manor the pavement deteriorates till you get to the terrace houses. At the point the pavement narrows and there is no Kerb droppings at the dead end above the school. There is no way across the road at that point or near it and if you did no pavement. At this point there is no way to get to Woodhouse Mill (Rotherham MBC aware).

General notifications around the area

- 1) Doctors side of the road at Swallownest there are two steps to Beeches. There is also a concrete pavement put in down to the new flats which is not very safe especially if a bus goes pass.
- 2) Central road reservations width vary and cause problems for anyone pushing a wheelchair or anyone on a mobility scooter having to stop in the middle of the road.
- 3) The camber on the pavements along Worksop rd up to Lodge Lane has caused particular problems with wheelchairs and also in slight mobility scooters.
- 4) Although there are a great number of lack of Kerb droppings they cannot be done in one go or now because of cash restrictions considered (even to some public amenities). Therefore with experience of the area it is a must that you use driveways.

Understanding Problems

Mobility Scooters

Can I bring to your attention mobility scooter in most cases travel at least only 4mp (Group 2) 8mph (group3) they have no brakes and they are not stable when negotiating land that slopes across the width of the scooter on fact When my own scooter was maintained I asked the engineer several questions he stated that most accidents with scooters were when the toppled over due to the poor pathways they have to go over. Since the act was passed scooters have evolved and there is no standard type.

Several people in the area have group 3 but they have been obtained due to the fact of few kerb droppings and blocked ally ways. This type is permitted on roads but not allowed by people with site problems. These have been obtained due to the person's size or to go on the road to get round the great number of cars parked on the pavement (e.g. wimpy estate)

It should also be noted that on the scooter specs it gives a mileage distance the scooter may be travelled but the restrictions on this are that it has to include the return journey and also the distance is quoted for travelling on the flat and restrictions around here due to the amount of hills in the area.

Group 1 Scooters

These are the folding type that can be put in cars and really only suitable for very flat area's are shopping. Not really good for round here or larger people due to hills etc. Only good for on the flat or shopping areas.

Group 2 scooters

These are limited to 4mph and people with site problems can only use up to this type. They can go on the road for short times but have to remain on the pavement but are restricted due to the distance they have to travel. This is due to the lack of pavement droppings therefore have to travel greater distance to cross roads. The acceleration is less and is restricted into crossing roads and the speed that cars can travel on the road.

Group 3 (slightly bigger than group 2)

These scooters have to be taxed and travel up to 8mph. These are obtained by people that have to travel on the road because the restrictive amount of Kerb droppings. Some may struggle up hilly areas and have to travel on the road due to cars blocking pavements. These being slightly higher they have more of a problem getting down ally ways than group 2. Therefore they have to travel an extra distance to get to where they want to go they can also travel across roads quicker than group 2. Group 3 cannot get through Squeeze posts

If restrictions are imposed against one group of mobility scooters then the other owners are being discriminated against also.

Wheelchairs

As well as there is no standard wheelchair this falls into that category. The disabled teenagers at The Lodge" have non standard high backed chairs and some may be motorise and the speed restricted. Hand operated with the larger wheel could have great difficulty getting up kerb edgings.

Exclusions

This does not include the various kerb droppings that need to be installed (wherever possible use driveway droppings).

We have witnessed ladies with pushchairs also trying to negotiate the various off set gates.

Warnings

Please take note when using central reservations some widths are not sufficiently wide enough for mobility scooters or someone stood behind pushing a wheelchair. In the words of Rotherham MBC staff the reservations were not designed to take them.

Also Kerb droppings are not always there also to cross roads to bus stops.

Where Rotherham MBC has used driveways instead of droppings scooters may have to traverse across the road to the central reservation and wait there if the central reservation is wide enough.

Quote in a meeting with officials regarding barriers by Rotherham MBC It is considered by them that where barriers are put in it is acceptable that mobility scooters to travel 1/3rd of a mile round to get past the blockage. Or in a simple the extra cost to power the mobility scooters it is acceptable that pensioners to make pensioners (in most cases on low income foot the cost).

Pavement Parking

If the pavement is obstructed usually by cars and vans they must leave a gap of 1.2 metres at its minimum point. You should also be warned as Rotherham MBC use driveways instead of kerb droppings please look to see if you can get back onto the other side of the pavement. Remember it is your right to use the pavement as aright not the right of the motorist to block it. Ring 101 and report address, registration to 101 or refer to Accesstoastoncumaughtonandarea@mail.com plus your name and contact details

Area of Parish	Nearest Roads	Obstacles to progress	Scooter and Wheelchair
Aston	All Saints Way to Chase	Offset Bars	Groups 1 & 2 only if no walking difficulty
	Catherine Avenue to Worksop Road	Sloped in gate but allows on road motor Scooters	Groups 1 & 2
	Hepworth Drive to Beverley Close		All
	Beverley Close to Olive Close	Steps and Sloping barriers	No Go
	Olive Close (footpath) Mansfield Road		All
Aston/ Swallownest	Worksop Rd to just below traffic lights at Lodge Lane	Reports both from Wheelchair and mobility scooters at various sections on either side of this road. That both are very difficult to control because of the steepness of the pavement across the pavement	Hazard for wheelchair uses and caution for scooter uses
Aston	Sunbury Drive to Worksop Road	Steps	No Go
	Christchurch Ave. to Worksop Road	Offset gates 3 at Christchurch Ave 2 at Worksop Road	Group 1 only if no walking difficulty
	Malton Drive to Worksop Rd	Sloping barriers	Groups 1 & 2
	Portland Ave to Worksop Rd	Sloping barriers	Groups 1 & 2
	Eagle View to Bluebird Hill	Offset gates and muddy path in winter.	Group1
	Lodge Lane to Hawthorne Place	Double offset gate	No Go
	Junction of Rotherham rd / Aughton rd / Nursery rd. (Rotherham MBC notified)	There is a crossing point that allows you to cross from the Rotherham rd side into the central reservation but there is no kerb dropping across on the Nursery rd side. If you wish to get off you have to travel up Aughton rd against the traffic and beware a blind hill where traffic comes over	Hazards to all
	Mansfield Rd service road	If you wish to cross over from the	Hazard

		other side of Mansfield to the pavement link onto Lodge Lane there is no kerb dropping on the houses side therefore you have to travel on the road Beware on coming. Beware Traffic coming round the corner	to all Scooters as you have to drive on the road to get on/off pavement dropping at the other side
	Marlborough Rise corner leading to Mansfield Road service road	The police have been informed on several occasions of cars blocking the pavement on either side of the Road where up to 5 cars in total have been parked but only moved once.	Hazard None Have to go on road negotiating a blind corner
Lodge Lane Rec.	Marlborough Rise And Southlands Way	Restricted due to two offset barriers that some scooters and wheelchairs cannot access	Group 1 only if no walking difficulty (No non standard Wheelchairs)
	Lodge Lane Recreation ground playground	No scooter or wheelchair access into playground	No Go
	Fairview Drive	No mobility scooters or wheelchairs cannot get through when the gate when is closed	Group1 & 2 only if no walking difficulty
Swallownest	Alexander Park, Alexander Rd end	Swinging gate at the side of the playground	No Go
	Alexander Park Road near Cemetery	Broken off gate to get down to the play ground	All
	Alexander Park Swinging bar gate on path leading towards Aston Academy		Group1 only if no walking difficulty
	Alexander park	To get out at Aughton Rd end Sloping	Group's 1 & 2 only if no walking difficulty
	Catherine Ave. to Worksop Road	Sloped in gate but allows on road motor Scooters	Groups 1 & 2
	The Beeches	two steps down to it on the Service centre side	No Go
Burgoyne Park	Burgoyne Park entry from Car Park	Playground gate broken off	Group 1 (No non standard Wheelchairs)
		Onto playing field Bar gate	Group 1 (No non standard Wheelchairs)
Swallownest	Jasmine Gardens to Nursery Road	Offset Bars	Group 1 & 2

	Manvers Road to Alexander Road.	Steps also wooden Bridge	No Go steps at either end plus bridge
	Queens Road to Nursery Road	Offset Bars	Group 1 & 2
	Sheffield Road to A57 by pass Pavement in front of old pit houses may cause vibration white finger.	Unable to go passed school to Woodhouse Mill No droppings on dummy road only lumps of concrete put down unable to cross even if so no pavement at other side of road	No Go
Swallownest	Main Street outside charity shop	There is a very steep section of pavement that causes a great Hazard to wheelchairs and some groups of Mobility Scooters.	Hazard For wheelchairs & groups 1 & 2 scooters
	Pickering Crescent to Selby Close	Steps	None
	Skipton Road Through Estate	Kissing Gate grasses path	None
	Wetherby Drive to Helmsley Close	Offset Bars	Group 1 & 2
	Wetherby Drive across to Rother Valley Park(bottom)	Muddy track in winter	None Hazard Muddy Track
Aughton	Aston Close /Woodlands. Path leading from Woodlands end onto path leading to Aughton Lane	Sloped in gate but allows on road motor Scooters	Groups 1 & 2
	Gray Avenue to Aughton Lane	Offset bar gate	Group 1 & 2
	Gray Avenue Close to Mason Ave junction	No Kerb droppings or driveway	None
	Heighton View to Mason Ave	Offset bar gate	Group 1
	Martin Close to Len Kyte Rec	Offset bar gate	Group 1
	Martin Close to Playground	Offset bar gate	Hazard Sloped in gate but allows on road motor Scooters
	Mason Ave to Aughton Junior school	Offset bar gate	Group 1
	Mason Ave to Gray Avenue This is split into three sections with the Mason Avenue end blocked.	Offset bar gate Other groups can get access from the road below it.	Group 1
Len Kyte Recreation Ground	Aughton Road to Len Kyte Rec	Barred Gate Also may have trouble in winter when it is sludgy no hard standing near pitch	None

Ulley Country Park	Pleasley Road into Ulley Country Park	Kerb Droppings only to be put in eventually on either side. But Rotherham MBC refuse to put in a central reservation on a 60 mph Road	Hazard to all due to traffic speed suggest not safe to cross blind to traffic coming from Whiston especially coming back out of the park entrance
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We are not certain if all the problem areas are covered but I am sure they will be found out in time. This is as accurate as possible as of going to press.

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