

52.13 CAR WASH

Purpose

To ensure that amenity, site layout and design are considered when land is to be used for a car wash, especially if the site adjoins a residential zone.

To ensure that use of land for a car wash does not impair traffic flow or road safety.

Requirements to be met

Land may be used for a car wash only if the following requirements are met. A permit may be granted to vary the requirements, if the responsible authority considers a better design solution will result.

Crossovers

No more than 2 vehicle crossovers may give access to the site from a road and at the road alignment a crossover must be:

- No wider than 7.7 metres.
- At least 4.5 metres from another crossover on the site.
- At least 7.7 metres from another road or if a splayed corner, at least 7.7 metres from the splay.
- At least 1.8 metres from a crossover on another property.

Kerb or barrier

Except at crossovers, a kerb or barrier must be built along the road alignment to prevent the passage of vehicles.

Queuing lane

A queuing lane on the site must be able to accommodate at least 10 vehicles before entry to a car wash.

If petrol is available for sale to vehicles queuing to be washed, the lane must be able to accommodate at least 10 vehicles before the petrol-selling point.

The lane must be clearly shown on the ground and marked for use only by vehicles queuing to be washed.

The area between the exit from a car wash and the nearest crossover must be able to accommodate at least 2 vehicles in single file.

Discharge of waste

Waste from a vehicle wash area must drain into a public sewer or a settlement and oil separation system. The system must comply with the Environment Protection Act 1970 and be installed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Amenity requirements

The amenity of the locality must not be adversely affected by activity on the site, the appearance of any building, works or materials, emissions from the premises or in any other way.

No building or works may be of temporary or portable construction.

Adjoining residential zone

If the site adjoins a residential zone, a landscape buffer strip at least 3 wide metres along the common boundary must be planted and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.