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Dear Sir/Madam.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ05923

Thank you for your request for information relating to disabled parking.

You have requested the following information:

1.Do you have any plans to expand the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area?

Yes.

2.The current number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area.

There are currently 109 Disabled parking bays in Council operated car parks and this will increase to 148 when Salt Lane car park opens later this month. We also have roads where there is a Traffic Regulation Order relating to a disabled parking areas.

3. The current number of Blue Badge holders registered in your local authority area.

12,350.

4.The number of drivers who have received a fine for misusing a disabled parking bay in your local authority area (broken down by month for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date).

Please find the attached spreadsheet detailing our response.

5. The new eligibility criteria for Blue Badge holders in your local authority, following the announcement of the expansion of the scheme to include invisible medical conditions announced in June 2019.

We can confirm that this information is publicly accessible to you via the Department for Transport website, please use the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-local-authority-guidance-england/.

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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