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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI693642059**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Blue Badge Parking.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many designated disabled parking bays are currently available within your council area?**

1,874.

**2. How many active Blue Badge holders are currently registered within your council area?**

16,183.

**3. How many Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued for the misuse of disabled parking bays in each of the last 3 calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)?**

2022: 3,635

2023: 3,521

2024: 3,213

**4. What is the total revenue generated from fines related to Blue Badge misuse in each of the last 3 calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)? These offences might include but are not limited to using a fake blue badge, using an out-of-date one etc.**

Not applicable. These are not reasons for issuing parking penalty charge notices. Please see the

following question in regard to the number of parking offences resulting in PCNs being issued.

**5. What is the total revenue generated from fines related to drivers parking in a bay without a blue badge in each of the last 3 calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)?**

2022: £105,772.65

2023: £98,211.73

2024: £87,623.19

**6. Please share the total number of Blue Badge permit (a) renewal applications and (b) new applications in each of the last 3 calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024). Please specify how many of these were rejected and, if possible, for what reason.**

2022:

New: 2,334

Renewal: 3,656

Rejected: 842

Reasons:

Did not meet the criteria: 348

Payment not received: 23

The badge was rejected by Valtech: 0

Duplicate application: 158

Evidence not received: 255

Fraudulent application: 0

Previous misuse: 0

Not resident in the Local Authority: 7

Withdrawn: 51

2023:

New 2,575

Renewal: 3,294

Rejected: 1,201

Reasons:

Did not meet the criteria: 483

Payment not received: 65

The badge was rejected by Valtech: 0

Duplicate application: 241

Evidence not received: 371

Fraudulent application: 0

Previous misuse: 0

Not resident in the Local Authority: 5

Withdrawn: 36

2024:

New 3,031

Renewal 3,820

Rejected: 1,432

Reasons:

Did not meet the criteria: 603

Payment not received: 62

The badge was rejected by Valtech: 0

Duplicate application: 289

Evidence not received: 430

Fraudulent application: 0

Previous misuse: 0

Not resident in the Local Authority: 6

Withdrawn: 42

**7. Of all the Blue Badge parking permits that are currently valid within your area, how many are for (a) visible and (b) non-visible disabilities.**

Visible: 15,614

Non-visible: 569

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