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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information about blue badge applications, which the Council received on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information;

#### **1. How each point of an assessment is arrived at, and on what basis?**

Please find enclosed a blank copy of the Council's Blue Badge Mobility Assessment Form for a disabled parking badge.

The Department for Transport provides guidance to local authorities in England on the Blue Badge scheme. This guidance provides local authorities with good practice advice on administering and enforcing a Blue Badge scheme. The Council has followed this guidance.

A copy of The Blue Badge Scheme Local Authority Guidance (England), published in February 2012 is available on the Department of Transport Website by accessing the link below.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/blue-badge-scheme-local-authority-guidance/>

Alternately you can contact the Department of Transport Enquiry Helpdesk on 0300 330 3000 or by writing to:

Department of Transport

*Director of Community Services*  
Brian Walsh  
*Head of Service*  
Simon Brake  
Assistant Director Policy and  
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Great Minster House  
33 Horseferry Road  
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SW1P 4DR

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I hope you feel that our response meets your request. However you have a right to make representations about the outcome or handling of your request – in the first instance this must be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter, to the Council's Information Governance Team at:

Council House, Room 21a  
Lower Ground Floor  
Earl Street, Coventry.  
CV1 5RR  
[infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely  
Simon Brake  
**Assistant Director Policy and Performance**



**BLUE BADGE MOBILITY ASSESSMENT  
FOR  
DISABLED PARKING BADGE**

NAME:

D.O.B:

DATE OF ASSESSMENT:

**Medical conditions**

Has the disability been medically diagnosed as permanent?	YES		NO	
Has any evidence been provided by the applicant?	YES		NO	

**Are you having or due to have any of the following in connection with improving your mobility?**

Physiotherapy	YES		NO	
Hip/Knee replacement	YES		NO	
Heart By-pass	YES		NO	
Regular Hospital visits	YES		NO	
Dialysis	YES		NO	
Attendance at Pain Clinic	YES		NO	

**Why have you applied for a Blue Badge?**

Are you able to travel independently?	YES		NO	
If NO, Why is assistance needed?				

**Do you, or would you be able to use:**

Public Transport?	YES		NO	
Ring and Ride?	YES		NO	
Park and Ride?	YES		NO	

Are you normally a Passenger or a Driver?	Passenger		Driver	
If a Passenger, who would normally drive you? (delete those not applicable)				
Partner/Spouse/Friend/Relative/other				

<b>How did you get here today?</b>
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<p><b>Therapist to note the distance walked by applicant by observing them.</b></p> <p><b>Distance walked.</b></p> <p><b>How long did it take?</b></p> <p><b>Were there any stops?</b></p> <p><b>How long were the stops?</b></p>
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<p><b>Is today a good day?</b></p>  <p><b>How far can you normally walk?</b></p>    <p><b>Where do you normally mobilise?</b></p>
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**Where do you park in town?**

**Where does bus drop you off?**

**Is your pace today typical of your normal pace?**

**How long does it normally take you to walk the distances you are managing?**

**Does your ability to walk vary? Good, bad days, What proportion, say in a week?**

**Assessors Observations/Applicants Report**

**Circle if Observed or Reported**

Gait (type and severity)

OB:

R:

Walking speed

OB:

R:

Support needed (walking aid, other person)

OB:

R:

Stops required

OB:

R:

Duration of stops

OB:

R:

Distance covered before difficulty

Observed:

Pain experienced

i.e. constant, intermittent, occasional.

R:

Severity of pain. (on scale 1-10)

R:

Pain relief taken, if any. Include frequency.

R:

Other medication taken. Include frequency

Breathlessness and Breathlessness recovery

OB:

R:

**Assessor's view/Comments**

**Summary**

Has the eligibility criteria been met?

Recommendation of Assessor- badge to be issued

Should the Applicant be re-assessed at Renewal?

If YES note points to check

Assessor Details;

Print Name:

Signature:

Date