# Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered. The Council holds the information requested.

# You asked for:

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

13573

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

There are 68 disabled parking bays on street (approximately 140 spaces). (Please note: Disabled parking bays vary in length and spaces available in a parking bay will also vary depending on the length of the vehicles parked).

There are 81 Blue Badge parking spaces located off street in local authority car parks.

The Council have temporarily removed approximately 8 disabled parking spaces from Granby Street in the City Centre as a result of the introduction of an emergency pop-up cycle lane and increased space to allow pedestrians to follow social distancing guidelines.

No alternative provision has been made as free parking is also available for Blue Badge holders to park in all pay and display bays and council run car parks in the city. These are available on several side streets in the area where spaces have been removed.

Valid Blue Badge holders can also park for 3 hours on single/double yellow lines Please refer to guidelines set out in the Blue badge booklet or by the website:

[https://www.gov.uk/blue-badge-s](http://www.gov.uk/blue-badge-scheme-information-council)c[heme-information-council](http://www.gov.uk/blue-badge-scheme-information-council)

# The number of drivers who have received a fine for misusing a Blue Badge parking space in your local authority area, broken down by month for the years 2019 and 2020 to date.

Penalty Charge Notices issued by month for illegally parking in a Blue Badge parking space on and off street:

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| **2019** | **PCN**  **issued** | **2020** | **PCN issued** |
| **Jan** | 436 | **Jan** | 365 |
| **Feb** | 487 | **Feb** | 341 |
| **Mar** | 553 | **Mar** | 244 |
| **Apr** | 426 | **Apr** | 7 |
| **May** | 446 | **May** | 15 |
| **Jun** | 364 | **Jun** | 85 |
| **Jul** | 382 |  |  |
| **Aug** | 391 |  |  |
| **Sept** | 389 |  |  |
| **Oct** | 369 |  |  |
| **Nov** | 383 |  |  |
| **Dec** | 407 |  |  |
| **Total** | **5033** | **Total** | **1057** |

# The number of new parking spaces build in your local authority area in the last 12 months, and how many of these were dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces.

During the Financial year 2019/2020, the Council created 45 parking bays, 3 of which were for disabled use.

Other than the above, there have been no significant changes over the past 12 months. However, due to the recent pandemic, temporary pedestrian and cycle lanes have been introduced which will currently affect access to some parking spaces in and around Leicester.

The number of new or existing parking spaces available may also change due to ongoing, planned or future infrastructure developments.

# The number of Blue Badge applications received under the ‘hidden disability’ criteria in the past 12 months.

368

# If limited by time constraints, please prioritise in order of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5.

**If possible, it would be really appreciated if you’re able to point me in the direction of your current Blue Badge eligibility guidelines as well please.**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publication](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-local-)s[/the-blue-badge-sch](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-local-)em[e-local-](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-local-) authority-guidance-england/blue-badge

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