



Reference: FOI1408

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act:

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

There are no current proposals to increase the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in North Tyneside.

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

The Council does not retain data on the number of individual dedicated on-street Blue Badge parking spaces in the Borough. Attached is an extract from the Council's on-street Permitted Parking Places Consolidation Order that outlines the location of the dedicated on-street Blue Badge parking spaces and the linear length of the restrictions at these locations.

Details regarding the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in public car parks managed by North Tyneside Council are published on the Council website at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/704/street-car-parks>

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

8385

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)

See attached spreadsheet.

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.

As per Department for Transport Guidelines -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/809057/blue-badge-scheme-local-authority-guidance.pdf