



My Ref: FOI/ 4677
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information regarding the issuing of Blue Badges within your Council. Specifically, I kindly request the following information:

- **Number of Blue Badges currently held (as of the date of this email)**
Number of badges on file as of 15/07/2025 are: 18962 individual and 43 organisational badges.
- **Number of Blue Badge applications received since September 1st 2024**
6561 Blue Badge applications received since 1st September 2024.
- **Number and percentage of successful Blue Badge applications since September 1st 2024**
7095 Blue Badges have been granted – it will be noted that this is higher than the ones that have been received. However, this is due to a change in the way Badges were processed, meaning a higher number were completed due to increased productivity.
- **Of these, the number and percentage of applications which were successful under the Hidden Disability criteria**
217 applications received and 21 rejected – 9.67% rejected.
- **Number and percentage of unsuccessful Blue Badge applications since September 1st 2024**
309 applications rejected – 4.07% rejected.
- **Of these, the number and percentage of applicants appealing the decision and the number and percentage of applicants who were successful in their appeal**
16 appeals received, 10 of which were approved. This is 62%.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

COPYRIGHT STATEMENT

(©) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

This information is a relevant copyright work for the purposes of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. It is owned solely by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council but you are able to use and re-use it freely without charge, including for commercial purposes, in accordance with the terms of the Open Government Licence found at The National Archives Website <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence>

You can also write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU

When re- using the information please ensure that you:

Acknowledge the copyright and source of the information by including the following attribution statement: "Contains Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council information (©) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Licensed under the Open Government Licence."

Include the same acknowledgement in any sub-licences you grant, and a requirement that any further sub-licences do the same.

Do not use the information in a way that suggests that Barnsley Council endorses you or your use of the information.

The information is licensed "as is". Barnsley Council is not liable for any errors or omissions in the information and shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage of any kind caused by its use.

PO Box 634, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S70 9GG