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NLBP
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Our ref: 5432430

Thank you for your request received on 28 June 2019, for the following information:

- 1) Do you have any plans to expand the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area?**
- 2) The current number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area**
- 3) The current number of Blue Badge holders registered in your local authority area**
- 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)**
- 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.**

If limited by time constraints, please prioritise in order of Q1, Q2, Q3, etc.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds some of the information you requested.

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

There is no specific plans to expand the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking bays in Barnet – Residents are able to apply for Dedicated Disabled parking bays on the basis of need, the criteria are on the attached link.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/parking/apply-or-renew-your-blue-badge>

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

There are currently 285 Dedicated Blue Badge Parking bays in Barnet.

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

Data not held.

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).

Please see: <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/parking-pcn-dashboard>

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.

Information intended for future publication.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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