



Wigan
Council

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:

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| 1. Number of Blue Badges currently held (as of the date of this email – 22/08/25) | 24,498 active Blue Badges (as at 26 th August 2025) |
| 2. Number of Blue Badge applications received since September 1st 2024 | 11,170 |
| 3. Number and percentage of successful Blue Badge applications since September 1 st 2024 | 9,418 successful applications, equating to 85.8% |
| 4. Of these, the number and percentage of applications which were successful under the Hidden Disability criteria | 604 successful applications, equating to 6.4% |
| 5. Number and percentage of unsuccessful Blue Badge applications since September 1st 2024 | 1,558 unsuccessful applications, equating to 14.1% |
| 6. Of these, the number and percentage of applicants appealing the decision and the number and percentage of applicants who were successful in their appeal | We are unable to report on the total number of appeals due to data retention, however we received 785 appeals that were approved. |