

## 61523 Blue Badge Misuse Data

I am writing to request information regarding the enforcement and misuse of Blue Badges within your authority.

Please provide the following information for the most recent 3-year period available (or each year separately if easier):

### **Enforcement Activity**

The total number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued where Blue Badge misuse was identified or suspected.

Since the current Blue Badge Misuse Initiative began in March 2024, 1,136 Penalty Charge Notices have been issued.

The number of Blue Badges confiscated due to misuse.

306

The number of investigations carried out relating to Blue Badge misuse.

This information is not held.

### **Outcomes**

The number of cases resulting in:

- o Formal warnings
- o Fixed penalties
- o Prosecutions

Formal Warnings - This information is not held.

Fixed Penalties - The Council does not issue Fixed Penalty Notices in relation to Blue Badge misuse.

Prosecutions - There have been no prosecutions.

The number of successful prosecutions and any associated fines or penalties.

Please refer to A4 above.

### **Types of Misuse**

If recorded, a breakdown of the most common types of misuse, for example:

- Use of a deceased person's badge
- Use of a badge without the holder present
- Altered or fraudulent badges

This information is not held.

### **Operational Impact**

Any available data on the estimated time or resources spent investigating Blue Badge misuse.

Fraud Officers dedicate two days per week on average to Blue Badge misuse, although Parking Attendants are on street each day.

The number of appeals or disputes related to Blue Badge misuse.

Where a Penalty Charge Notice is issued, recipients may follow the established appeals process; there is no separate, formal process by which Blue Badge misuse alone may be appealed.

### **Digital or Preventative Measures**

Details of any digital systems, technologies, or processes currently used to detect or prevent Blue Badge misuse.

Whether your authority is considering or has implemented any digital solutions for Blue Badge enforcement.

There is currently no system in use, or under consideration, specific to Blue Badge misuse.