Freedom of Information Request – Response – 28080

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information relating to disabled parking spaces, enforcement and Blue Badges within your authority area.

Please provide a breakdown for:

2023

2024

2025

1 January to 30 September 2026 (or the latest complete full month of data available if September 2026 data is not yet finalised).

Disabled parking enforcement:
Q1. The number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued to vehicles parked in disabled parking bays without displaying a valid Blue Badge (or other proof of eligibility), broken down by year.
Where applicable, this may include Contravention Code 40 or your authority's equivalent.
Q2. The total monetary value of the penalties issued for these offences in each year.
If readily available, please also provide the total amount actually paid or collected in relation to these penalties.
Q3. If available, the number of vehicles that received more than one such PCN during each year.
Q4. If held, please provide the five car parks or locations with the highest number of these penalties across the requested period, alongside the number issued at each location.
Disabled parking provision:
Q5. The total number of designated disabled parking bays or spaces currently under the authority's control, or at the latest date for which figures are available.
If possible, please provide this as:
on-street disabled parking bays or spaces
disabled parking bays or spaces within council-operated off-street car parks
We are writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, it has been established that the information you requested is not held by Suffolk County Council.

If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to the Borough and District Councils of Suffolk:

- Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council

Freedom of Information - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk

- East Suffolk

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- West Suffolk

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- Ipswich Borough Council

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Blue Badges:

Q6. The total number of valid or active Blue Badges registered to residents within the authority area at the latest available date.
44792

Q7. The number of Blue Badges issued in each year.
2023 – 17089

2024 – 18635

2025 – 16463

2026 - 15324 (01/01/26 – 20/10/26)

Q8. If readily available, the number of Blue Badge applications received in each year and the number which were:

Approved
Refused or rejected
Not available from current reporting system

If possible, please distinguish between new applications and renewal applications.
2023 – 18535 - 46% new and 54% Re-app

2024 – 21012 – 40% New and 60% Re-app

2025 – 22106 - 38% New and 62% Re-app

2026 – 19381 - 41% New and 59% Re-app (01/01/26 – 20/10/26)