

# East Lothian Council

**FOI Ref: 2018/007(13069)**

***My freedom of information request concerns the number of blue badge approvals each year since 2010? I am willing to take the past five years if that is easier.***

East Lothian Council (ELC) has provided the information requested for the past 5 years, i.e.: 2013 to 2017.

***How many residents have a blue badge in your local authority?***

4,922

***How many new disabled blue badge applications have you received and approved each year since 2010-2017?***

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
562	579	303	361	388

***How many new disabled blue badge applications have you received and rejected each year since 2010-2017?***

It is not possible to split rejection figures between new and renewal applications. Only total figures per year are held (see \* below). In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

***How many disabled blue badge application renewals have you received and approved each year since 2010-2017?***

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
1,147	1,303	1,552	1,418	1,629

***How many disabled blue badge application renewals have you received and rejected each year since 2010-2017?***

<u>*2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
13	28	38	38	67

***What were the main reasons for rejections in each year?***

2013	Evidence not received
2014	Did not meet the criteria
2015	Did not meet the criteria
2016	Did not meet the criteria
2017	Evidence not received