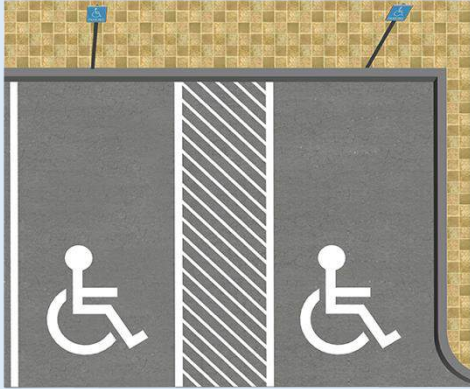


# Blue Badge Group 2024 Summary

## Key Points



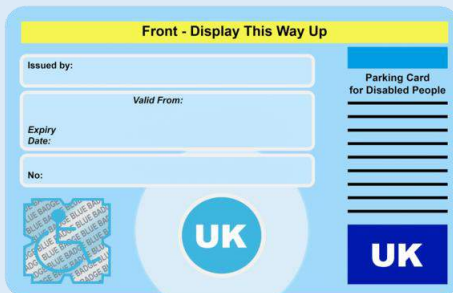
- Disabled bays do not have enough space for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) and the lift at the back. The bays need to be longer and wider
- There are not enough Blue Badge Bays in the centre
- It is stressful trying to find parking and knowing if there was a space available
- People use taxis to avoid parking
- Timings of the Blue Badge is restricted to 3/4 hours even in the evening
- Concerns over areas becoming pedestrianised

## Areas where there are issues



- Theatre area
- Surrey Street
- Arundel Gate

## Actions wanted



- Blue Badge recognition so blue badge holders can drive where taxis go (other cities have this)
- Bigger spaces for WAV vehicles so the lift can come down
- Dropped kerbs need to be where wheelchair users can access (not next to a Bay where a car is parked)
- More Disabled Bays in varying locations
- A way to know if there is a Blue Badge space before driving to the centre
- Times on an evening not to be limited to 3 or 4 hours
- Separate meeting with the Deaf community about the barriers to fill out the Blue Badge form

## Key Quotes

***“I don’t go into the town centre because there is nowhere to park, if you go early it is already full and the parking spaces are not big enough...I can’t get public buses so I am stuck.”***

**“We have lost a lot of Blue Badge space in the centre.”**

**“Why are they making it so hard for me to drive around the city centre.”**

**“Other cities use plate registration recognition, why can’t Sheffield use that.”**

**“Still a no go zone for wheelchair dependents.” (Surrey Street)**

**“Fear in your mind of getting a ticket... we are using the facilities.”**

**“I don’t drive to the city in the day as there are parking issues. It is a long drive if there are no spaces. It puts you off going.”**

**“I can’t get in to or out of the vehicle if another vehicle has parked behind me..I have had to ring the police.”**

**“There should be a law that skips are not allowed to park in the disabled bays.”**

**“They are ignoring a whole communities needs and it is disgraceful. Some people need easy access parking close to venues.”**

**“Seriously detrimental, it is a lot lot worse since Covid.”**