

Annex D - Blue Badge Parking surveys (2018/19) and traffic movements at Access Points (2019)

Blue badge holder parking surveys

Surveys of blue badge holder (BBH) parking were conducted in 2018, before the experimental traffic regulation order closed St Sampson's Square to access during the foot street hours, and repeated in May 2019 with the closure in place. The surveys were conducted during the foot street hours 10:30 – 17:00.

Street	Total number BBH parking events					Maximum number parked		Approx. Capacity
	Fri Aug 2018	Sat Aug 2018	Mon Sep 2018	Fri May 2019	Sat May 2019	2018	2019	
Blake Street	23	23	21	17	21	9	9	12
St Helen's Square	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	10
Lendal	11	6	5	4	3	6	3	8
Church Street	4	2	11	6	1	4	4	8
St Sampson's Square	17	8	13	0	1	5	1	20
Goodramgate	-	30	27	19	19	9	9	20
Colliergate & King's Square	-	9	23	14	10	7	6	14
Total	56	78	100	62	57			

The average stay for blue badge holders in 2018 was 1hour 11 minutes on a weekday and 1hour 37 minutes on the Saturday. In 2019 the average length of stay was 1hour 14 minutes on both days.

In addition to the surveys summarised above there were sixteen days between January and May 2019 when the access points for the foot street area were staffed to monitor the access by permitted vehicles and the numbers turned away including blue badge holders.

The Street Rangers monitored parking in Swinegate, Back Swinegate, King's Square and Goodramgate from 22 November to 3 December 2018 between 9:00 and 17:00. Blue badge holders rarely used Swinegate and Back Swinegate with a maximum of two noted in a day but generally none were seen. Parking in King's Square and Goodramgate followed similar patterns to those summarised above. Blue badge holders were always parked in Goodramgate, with a maximum of nine noted, and a maximum of six parked in King's Square.

Surveys at proposed access and exit points

For sixteen days between January and May 2019 the access/exit points, as listed in the table below, were staffed and a record made of those vehicles using these points and those turned away. The days selected included all days of the week.

	Church Street	Nessgate Spurriergate	Parliament Street	Davygate	Coney Street
Vehicles that have waivers	13	4	11	6	11
Emergency services	13	11	13	8	7
Bullion carriers	15	1	8	5	14
CYC vehicles	15	2	8	9	3
Dial & Ride	18	0	0	14	0
Royal Mail Group	15	3	16	3	16
Total 'admitted'	89	21	56	45	51
Average per day	5.6	1.3	3.5	2.8	3.2
Turned away	11	0	33	4	3
BBH turned away	13	0	1	0	2

To note is the number of Blue Badge Holders turned away, the majority of these were at Church Street and of the thirteen turned away nine were in January – the first three days surveyed.

The average per day gives an indication of how frequently any automated measures would operate.

In addition to the data collected above video surveys were carried out in December 2018, during the extended foot street hours, with repeat surveys in February 2019. These surveys indicated a very low level of traffic throughout the foot street hours with very similar results to those tabulated above. There was no indication that during these surveys, when the points were not staffed, that any drivers moved the lift out bollards to gain access unless they had legitimate reason to do so. The types of vehicles recorded were as categorised above with a few unmarked vans (these may have had waivers). There is no evidence that any Blue Badge Holders tried to access the foot streets, or were trapped when the bollards were put in place.