**Privacy Notice in relation to the Blue Badge Scheme**

The Blue Badge (Disabled Persons’ Parking) Scheme was introduced in 1971 under Section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (‘the 1970 Act’). Local Authorities have a statutory obligation to maintain a register showing the holders of badges issued by the authority.

In addition to local authorities maintaining the blue badge data of their own residents, each local authority has to share badge data relating to all blue badges processed with a nationally held central database of all badges issued.

The main aim of a central database is to improve the operational efficiency of the scheme as well as preventing fraud and abuse of the Blue Badge Scheme and ensuring that the concession is targeted fairly and sustainably.

The Government announced from February 2019 there would be a change to the holder of the central database of all blue badge holders. In order to comply with the change, we will be submitting applicant information, where necessary, to the central database which will be held by Valtech Limited. The badges will then be centrally printed, personalised and distributed by a third party supplier, APS group, from the information held in the central Blue Badge database

Information supplied as part of this application will be dealt with in line with the EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and UK Data Protection Law

For further details on the Blue Badge Improvement Service or about the Blue Badge Scheme in general, visit the [Department for Transport](https://www.gov.uk/) website