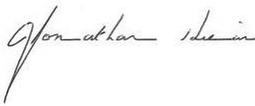


MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question: Councillor Coker
Date received by Chief Exec's Business Support: 4 January 2022
To the Cabinet Member for: Transport, Cllr Drean
<p>Question: In light of your pledge to increase disabled car parking bays in the city can you tell me the number of bays in the city in march 2021 there were and the number there are as of 1.01.22.</p>
<p>Answer:</p> <p>As part of a suite of measures aimed at providing support to blue badge holders we made a political commitment to review the provision of disabled parking spaces to ensure there is sufficient parking for blue badge holders.</p> <p>We have reviewed the amount of disabled parking bays across our car parks, to which I can confirm we had 260 of spaces. As part of our review, we sought to identify opportunities to provide additional support, where I am pleased to advise that we have already introduced 6 disabled parking spaces in Devils Point car park, an additional disabled bay in Mutley Barracks car park and increased the size of the disabled bays in Derry's Cross car park alongside further accessibility improvements. This has seen the number of disabled bay increase from 260 to 271. We will also be increasing the amount of disabled parking on the Hoe Promenade where we expect to introduce a further 15 spaces, meaning we will have delivered an additional 26 disabled bays.</p> <p>We are committed to continuing to support blue badge holder's access services through exploiting any further opportunities we identify, and through ongoing engagement with disability groups, to ensure persons with disabilities can access our shops, facilities and services. On this, I was pleased to see the City recognised through a recent publication from findandfundmycar.com (Revealing the most accessible council-run parking in English cities findandfundmycar), researching the most accessible cities in England, identified Plymouth as the second most accessible city for blue badge holders.</p> <p>Further to this, from 24th January, following our engagement with blue badge holders, we will be launching a pilot in the Theatre Royal Car Park to offer the first Assisted Electric Vehicle Charging scheme in the England. This scheme will provide assistance to those who are mobility impaired to access charging points without the worry of dealing with the physical issues they can often experience with heavy charging equipment and difficult access and is just another example of our ongoing commitment.</p>

Signed:  Date: 19/01/2022

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