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Your blue badge is due to expire in March 2015

Dear Blue Badge Holder

We are writing to remind you that your Blue Badge is due for renewal.

The good news is that you can now apply for your badge on-line at www.essex.gov.uk/bluebadge

There are two main advantages to you applying online:

- Renewing online will speed up the processing of your application; and
- If all Blue Badge applicants renewed online it could save as much as £45,000 in public money which can be used helping us to protect frontline public services.

Alternatively you could e-mail us at <u>contact@essex.gov.uk</u> or call us on 0845 603 7630 (Option 2) for an application pack.

Changes implemented by Central Government mean that badges take 8-10 weeks to process and are now produced centrally by a company commissioned by the Department for Transport (DfT) and cost £10 for the life of your badge. Payment cannot be taken until the badge has been approved. Please do <u>not</u> send payment with your application.

Please note: We are aware of other websites offering on-line blue badge applications for a fee. Essex County Council will not ask for payment when submitting your on-line application.

Renew your Blue Badge at <u>www.essex.gov.uk/bluebadge</u> and check for the red Essex County Council logo.

If you have already applied for your badge or you no longer require a badge please disregard this letter.

Yours sincerely

Blue Badge Administration







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