

[insert full postal address]

Dear [insert name of MP]

I am writing on behalf of XXXXX Council to ask you to support Simon Kirby's Disabled Persons' Parking Badges Bill, which is due to receive its second reading on 6th July.

The Bill seeks to clamp down on the abuse of blue badges to ensure genuine badge holders are protected. The National Fraud Authority estimates it to be costing local authorities up to £46 million per annum.

Amongst other measures, local authorities will be able to recover badges that have been cancelled, have expired, are misused by a third party or are fake and the current ambiguity will be removed from existing Blue Badge misuse offences so that it is clear that it is an offence to use a badge that should have been returned to the issuing authority

The new powers in the Bill will give local authorities the ability to undertake more effective enforcement activity should they wish to do so. Making enforcement easier for local authorities will encourage enforcement and improve operational efficiency.

Additionally, eligibility for a badge will be extended to Armed Forces personnel and their families' resident overseas on UK bases who meet the qualifying criteria for a badge.

The changes will improve the credibility of the scheme and result in the greater availability of parking spaces, protecting the scheme for genuine badge holders who have the most need.

I would be grateful if you would show your support for genuine blue badge holders and back this Bill.

Please do let me know if you will be supporting this Bill.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

[Insert name]