

P-06-1380 Make Blue badge Applications Lifelong for individuals who have a lifelong diagnosis - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 15 September 2025

We are submitting our survey findings as supporting information. In addition we have shared our communications with Ken Skates MS and Jane Hutt MS. We have attached Ken Skates' response, along with a few replies from parents who responded to his statement.

We remain concerned about the continued focus on 'mobility' and lack of acknowledgement of other Blue Badge eligibility criteria, particularly for individuals with severe cognitive impairments and other hidden disabilities, many of which are life-long who could benefit from a Blue Badge, but are often overlooked under the current system.

The survey includes a selection of statements from participants who shared their personal experiences. These represent only a small portion of the responses we received. I would be happy to provide all responses upon request.

Our petition has been under discussion with the Petitions Committee for almost two years. During this time, we have actively consulted with people across Wales, including individuals with lived experience, carers, professionals, and those involved in the Blue Badge application process. We have also received support from several Members of the Senedd.

In light of the ongoing concerns raised through our survey, letters, and direct engagement, we respectfully request that our petition now be escalated for further consideration.

While we acknowledge that, according to Ken Skates MS, some measures have been implemented in response to previous recommendations, we, as petitioners, strongly feel that these actions are not sufficient

Please see attached

Many thanks
