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Dear Julie,

Thank you for your emails of 14 and 24 July regarding Petition P-06-1380 Make Blue Badge Applications Lifelong for Individuals with a Lifelong Diagnosis. This letter is also in response to your email of 18 August to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip.

I am grateful to you and your fellow petitioners for your feedback. Firstly, I want to reassure you that wording does indeed matter and we are doing all that we can to make the Blue Badge Scheme more efficient, effective and supportive for people with severe mobility challenges in Wales.

I fully understand your concerns and your continued efforts to pursue the proposals set out in your petition. However, we have confirmed the Welsh Government's position via previous correspondence with both yourself and the petitions committee. The purpose of the review and recommendations was to provide the concrete outcomes that you and your fellow petitioners are seeking.

As I highlighted in my recent response to the petitions committee, this work will take time, but it's essential that it's done correctly and thoroughly. This does not mean we are drawing a line in the sand, far from it. I understand that you have recently participated in the recent workshops with local authorities and provided your invaluable experience as part of this work. For this reason, I will decline your kind invitation to meet and ask that you continue to work closely with officials. This will ensure that yours and other stakeholders feedback is captured and included as the work progresses.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This is a vital and extremely important piece of work, and I appreciate the eagerness to see changes considered and put into practice. Officials are continuing to work on the immediate priorities, and we need to allow them the time to carry out the relevant processes so that we can provide the relevant outcomes. I again thank you for your continued support in helping to shape the future process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Drafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru
Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales