

Local Government and Communities Committee

**Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland)
Act 2009**

Submission from Iain Thomson

Dear Sirs,

My wife has Rheumatoid and Osteoarthritis and has a Blue Badge. As her driver I always attempt to use the disabled parking bay nearest to wherever she is going but am always annoyed to find that spaces have been taken up by drivers who do not have a blue badge.

When asked whether they have a blue badge I am always met with the response, "I'm only going to be a minute " or by some sort of verbal abuse.(non printable).

It doesn't matter that there are signs up or that the bays are marked in Yellow, these people think only of themselves, and don't care for anyone else.

Something definitely needs to be done to bring home to these people that consideration must be given to Blue Badge holders.

Yours sincerely

Iain Thomson