

Local Government and Communities Committee

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

Submission from Ron Ewing

With regard to the forthcoming review of the Act, I just wanted to let you know that most of the complaints I receive from fellow blue badge holders tend to be with regard to Blue Badge abuse, rather than non-badge holders parking in disabled bays. By far the greatest problem appears to be relatives of badge holders using granny's blue badge whenever they want to park for free, or are just too lazy to walk, regardless of whether or not granny is in the car. These people are never challenged because there is no effective checking process on people displaying blue badges. If this problem could be addressed, it would go a long way towards reducing the abuse. I am aware that there are data protection issues associated with displaying the badges photo side up, but there must be some way this problem can be addressed.

Best regards,

Ron Ewing