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Dear Caroline Russell AM,

Re: Response to London Assembly (Plenary) – 5 December 2024

Thank you for your letter regarding the London Assembly's motion on Blue Badge theft and the measures proposed to address this critical issue. On behalf of the London Borough of Brent, I welcome the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to supporting residents and tackling the theft and misuse of Blue Badges.

We share the Assembly's deep concern about the rise in Blue Badge theft and its detrimental impact on disabled individuals. We remain committed to working with relevant partners to support proactive enforcement, victim support, and the safeguarding of Blue Badge holders across London.

In response to points 3 and 4 of the motion:

Point 3:

We confirm that the Council's enforcement contractor, NSL, already has access to the Department for Transport's (DfT) Blue Badge database via the Independent Travel Team. Civil Enforcement Officers are trained to use this access effectively to take enforcement action where misuse is identified. This existing access aligns with the aim of enabling enforcement teams to identify vehicles displaying stolen badges and take the necessary steps to uphold the integrity of the Blue Badge scheme.

Point 4:

We also confirm that robust systems are already in place to prioritise the replacement of lost, damaged, or stolen Blue Badges for disabled residents. Our current target is to process and issue replacements within 24 hours, ensuring minimal disruption to the mobility and independence of badge holders.

If there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Leader of Brent Council