

Mrs Alison Willows comments

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This policy, together with many coming out of London (which exists in its own bubble and undergoes these pseudo consultations with no intention of doing anything other than what they set out to do) is directly discriminating against certain groups; those with long term health conditions (but do not have blue badges), carers, parents of children with long term health conditions and parents full stop. For these groups cars are unfortunately a necessity; without them they cannot do all they do; it is impossible to squeeze in doctors and hospital appointments, childcare, work, caring responsibilities all in one day if you use public transport unfortunately. Many of us actively want and do work part time as well as carrying out these functions and we should be supported to do so. The problem is politicians and policy makers are far removed from normal life and have no concept of the struggle for these people. These things are fine in London but not in small towns

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You need to put carers, people with long term conditions, parents with children with long term conditions at the very heart of your developments. Their needs are grossly disregarded which is utterly appalling in this day and age. A policy that pushes people out of work due to no reasonable parking is disgraceful, as is one which makes carers lives even tougher. London should hang it's head in shame.

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Even my 9 year old daughter can see the implications of your policy.....both of her parents have long term conditions which affect their health and mobility, one of them is a career too.....she says 'how would daddy be able to do the normal things he needs to do, how will my mummy be able to get me to school, then get to work, come back to get me and look after my grandad without her car?' She thinks you need to re-think this because thousands of people. I should add the planning policy in the past has been for out of town centre developments, which has led to the destination of local accessible services. You can expect to

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.....you cannot expect to have a sea change in policy where for years you have encouraged out of town, together with it's necessary car use, and then restrict car use. Town counters will become ghost towns again. My daughter says 'just because you don't need these services or can afford to pay for private health you don't care for anyone else, and I don't see how you are doing all these things without anyone stopping you. Please listen to me and don't do it' thankfully political awareness is increasing in the young and I hope the face and landscape of political figures will change in the future and be much more representative of the vast majority of people they serve. Oh, and this system is not particularly easy to write comments, keeps jumping around and almost makes you give up!