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Dear Helen,

Many thanks for your letter on behalf of all MPs across Kent and Medway.

I've checked with our hard-working Medway Council officers to confirm what the current situation is and what more could be done.

Currently we have a system in place in those circumstances where individuals have received an SR1 form because their condition is moving towards an end-of-life situation. In those circumstances an existing blue badge is normally dispatched within a few days.

Of course, thankfully many people who are diagnosed with serious but time limited conditions won't receive an SR1 form but during their treatment and recovery which may last less than three years, the impacts can be very wide ranging and challenging.

As I know you will appreciate, officers have raised a large number of practical considerations which would need to be worked through when looking at introducing any such local scheme.

I would be very happy to convene a meeting to look at those issues collectively so we can all understand what needs to be worked through.

Of course it would be sensible, particularly with Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, to have a co-ordinated approach with both upper tier authorities across the region and I would be very happy for KCC to also attend the proposed meeting.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to highlight this important cross-party campaign working closely with the Kent Messenger Group, Tris Osborne & Mike Martin alongside the rest of our region's MPs.

My office will be in touch to find mutually convenient timing for the proposed meeting.

Regards,

Cllr Vince Maple
Leader, Medway Council

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