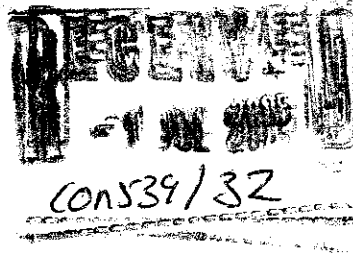


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Dear Ms Daddow

## **Tolled Bridges Review – Phase Two Consultation**

The Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) was set up in May 2002 as the Scottish Executive's statutory adviser on disability issues in relation to transport and transport policy in Scotland. We believe in a Scotland where anyone with a mobility problem due to some physical, mental or sensory impairment can go when and where everyone else can and have the information and opportunities to do so.

MACS would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on Phase Two of the Tolled Bridges review. The Committee's Road and Pedestrian Environment Working Group considered the consultation document at its meeting on 6 June and I am replying as Chair of the Working Group on behalf of MACS.

The Working Group noted the inclusion within the consultation document (paragraph 35) of the view expressed by MACS during Phase One of the consultation. MACS continues to support the view that regulation should continue to allow Blue Badge holders to benefit from exemptions from tolls and procedures should be improved. The Committee considers that non-discriminatory procedures should be developed for those eligible for exemption and that tickets or vouchers should be made available through other venues e.g. tourist information offices. The Working Group also considered that these should be known as 'exemption vouchers' rather than 'disabled vouchers'.

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I hope this is helpful and I thank you once again for giving MACS the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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