

## HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Ms Taylor

Following my recent correspondence, I now enclose a copy of the letter that I have received from Minister for Roads, Buses and Places, which is in response to the representations I made on your behalf.

Once you have had a chance to read the detail of the reply, please do not hesitate to come back to me if you have any further comments or if I can be of assistance on any other matter in the future.

Yours sincerely

Philip Davies MP

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Dear Philip,

Thank you for your letter of 16 June to the Secretary of State, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Mr Tony Caunt, about 'Parking Buddies'. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

All traffic signs used on a public highway must be prescribed in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, as amended (TSRGD) or authorised by the Secretary of State.

'Parking Buddies' are not considered to be traffic signs and therefore do not come within the scope of TSRGD. However, if a local authority would like to implement them outside of schools, they must not be designed to resemble a traffic sign. As such, the Department would not recommend the use of any 'Parking Buddies' that display images of traffic signs.

Local authorities are free to make their own decisions about the design of the streets under their care, provided they take account of the relevant legislation. I would suggest that Mr Caunt raises his concerns with Bradford Council directly, as this is entirely a matter for individual local authorities to decide upon.

Please extend my gratitude to Mr Caunt for taking the time to write in on this matter.

Yous, The lotte

**BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON**