

Susan Charles statement to Cabinet on 23rd June 2021

' THE RING OF STEEL '

is already having the same effect as the governments

' CIRCLE OF PROTECTION '

has had on our care homes during this pandemic.

Bluebadge holders, those with ability issues are already being kept out of the city centre depriving them of essential shopping and businesses, affecting their mobility and eventually, as has happened in care homes, deaths and their MENTAL HEALTH.

Taxis during the day cannot access the city centre to collect passengers, hence the passengers are TRAPPED.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1999 + Equalities Act 2010 states :

' Anyone providing a service to the public - from the corner shop to Government agencies - will NOT be able to treat disabled customers less favourably than anyone else,

and service providers WILL HAVE A DUTY to make reasonable adjustments to make their services accessible to everyone.

THIS UNCLUDES::

Changing practises policies and procedures which have the effect of discriminating against disabled people.

AND

Providing services by reasonable alternative means if the service is inaccessible to disabled people.

To obtain a Bluebadge your GP has to confirm that there is difficulty in walking 50mts

The tourist that this city depends on, many elderly and disabled like our locals cannot park with a Bluebadge within 50mtrs of our main tourist attractions .

Please.... take this back to the drawing board and rethink not only for the Tourist trade but for our local communities who support this City all year round.

Susan Charles.

Access Bames Chair.