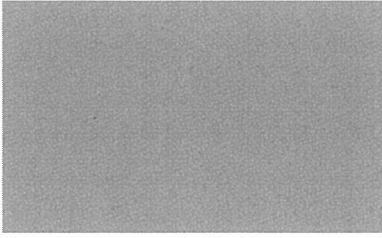


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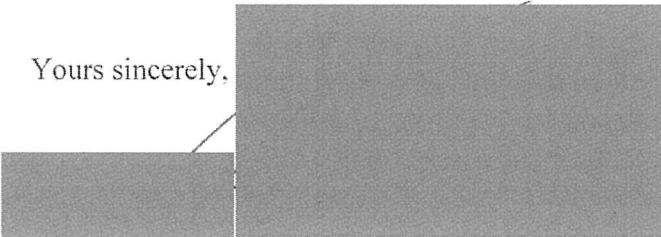
Disability Living Allowance Reform

I enclose two further points to add to my first submission.

I believe the evidence is now even stronger that the reform proposals are 'not fit for purpose' and should be scrapped.

In addition I believe this whole exercise has been a near-criminal wastage of public money and of many individuals' time and money. In my 87 years I have seldom felt so indignant about Government ineptitude!

Yours sincerely,



Disabled Living Allowance Reform – Public Consultation

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A: 57 years working with such organisations as: Royal Mencap Society, Scope, Leonard Cheshire Disability, National Bureau for Handicapped Students.

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1.0. Reception of the Consultation Paper:

The Government's proposals have now been heavily attacked in two well-founded documents:

a: 'Don't Limit Mobility' drawn up by a consortium of care home providers. They show that the proposal would have a devastating effect on the lives of disabled people and that there is no prospect of local authorities providing a comparable mobility service.

b: 'Campaign for a Fair Society' drawn up by a consortium led by The Centre for Welfare Reform – an academic think-tank with a formidable international reputation. This concludes that the proposed cuts are both **unfair** and **illogical**. 'If we fail to support people to be in control of their own lives, they will end up with greater needs at a higher cost.'

2.0. Dismay among disabled people:

Where there is unfairness there will naturally be resentment. Reading the bitterness of the comments on many web-sites I am reminded of the bitterness that attended the attempt to launch the Poll Tax. As Churchill might have said – 'This is an unfairness up with which the British people will not put!' I am frankly both amazed – and bitterly disappointed – that ministers and civil servants can continue to receive such a concerted 'thumbs down' and still delude themselves that they are on the right track! Human aptitude for self-delusion appears limitless!

