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Dear Sir/Madam

We are a user-led lobbying and campaigning charity working to ensure that people with disabilities have the same opportunities in life as everyone else.

Every two months we hold a meeting with a group of people who have a wide range of disabilities to discuss matters of current importance; we call this our "Feature Forum". We met on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July and our main agenda item was the "Moving Around" component of the Consultation on the PIP. This was discussed at length and we would like to submit our response as detailed below:

#### **Section 4 "Appendix A: How the assessment works"**

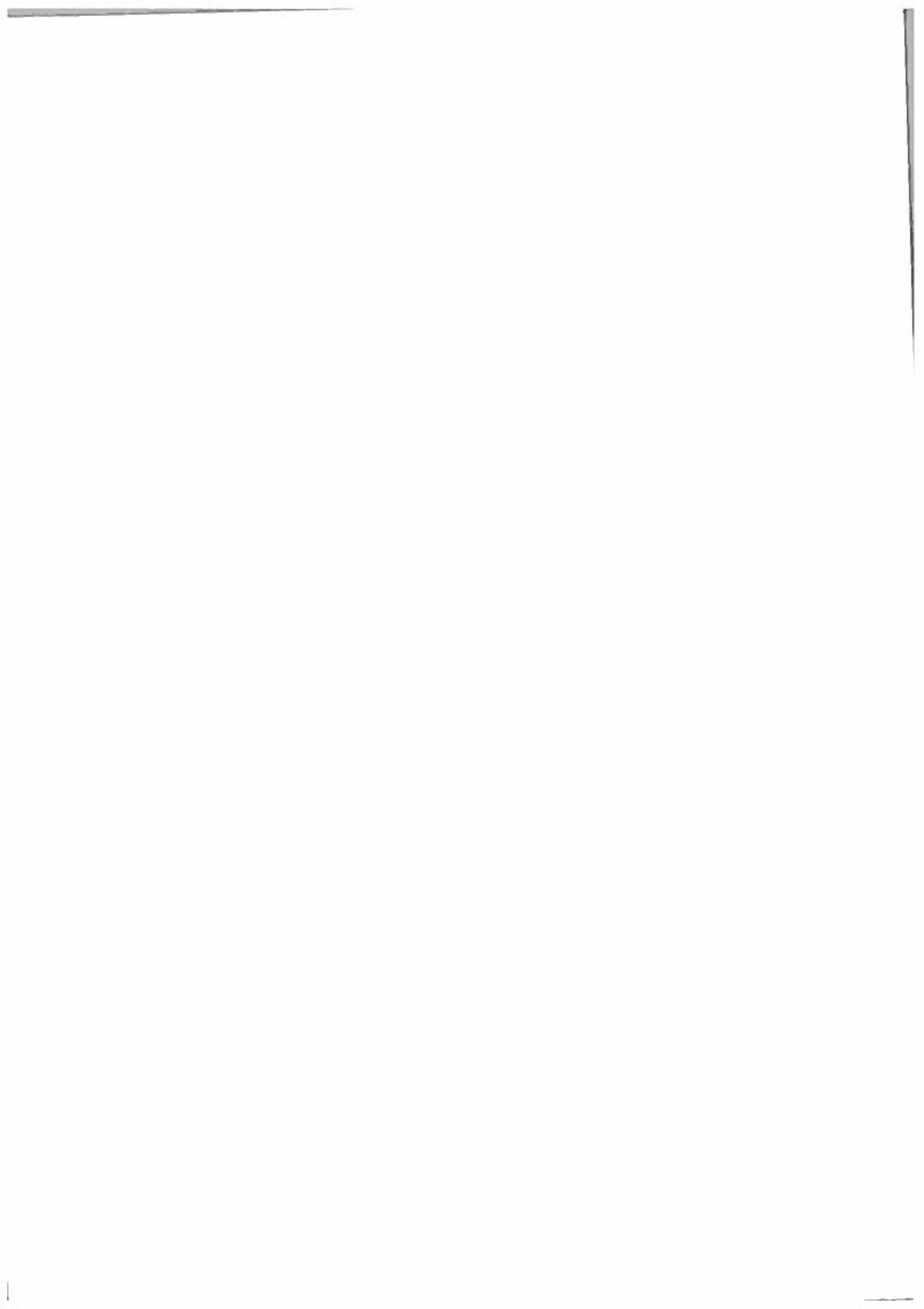
##### **Page 9: How the "Moving Around" Assessment criteria are being applied**

4.10 + 4.11: The group were not able to distinguish the difference between the two. As an example take certain athletes who are double or single amputees who appear to be living and coping well with their disability but we have a client who is a single amputee who has a neuroma at the end of the amputated limb which causes him severe pain and discomfort. His quality of life is severely compromised because of this.

##### **Page 10: "Moving Around" activity examples**

Examples 1 – 4: The group felt that the examples given were not very helpful. The general opinion was that they would like to see Descriptor E looked at again.

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The group would also like the automatic entitlement to the Blue Badge removed from Descriptor C or anyone awarded standard rate of PIP because it was felt that people on the lower rate may not necessarily need a blue badge.

We have a number of reservations about the consultation in general in particular the timing. At present there are no case histories to refer to. We believe that the individual assessment might provide a degree of flexibility around all "Moving Around" descriptors as it is apparently about the claimants quality of life in dealing with their particular disability.

However, if the decision of the "Moving Around" consultation retains the status quo then we think that the Motability scheme should be extended to those who receive the standard rate moving around component. This could be done by combining any return to work money e.g. (£40.00 per week) with the S.R.M.C. and assistance from the "Access to Work Scheme" which should be promulgated in the award letter.

We believe that the strict criterion for Descriptor C is equivalent to the old high rate mobility component of the DLA and should be given similar consideration as has been recognised by the Government in awarding an "automatic" or "without further assessment" Blue Badge.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Rigby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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