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Cllr Joshua Bacon  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bacon

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Thank you for your question to Council on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April which I have set out along with my response below.

***As a result of Labour's vicious welfare cuts, 370,000 disabled people will lose PIP disability payments. Analysis reported by Sky News shows the average loss is £4,500. What is the Council doing to condemn these cuts and take action to support the most vulnerable in our borough?***

I must admit, I was surprised to see you describe the planned reductions in welfare spending as "vicious" given you spent much of last year encouraging the public to support proposals to cut more than twice as much from the welfare bill.

As you know, at the meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, councillors unanimously voted to ask the government to reconsider some of the proposals in the current Green Paper, and I have made representations accordingly. Perhaps you would be good enough to share with us the representations that you have made to change the direction of Conservative Party policy, and repudiate the Shadow Secretary of State's statement to the House of Commons that the government should be "tougher"?

Yours sincerely



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