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I wish to add my support to the above petition.

As a senior citizen I have seen, over the years a gradual improvement in facilities designed to protect pedestrians, particularly the vulnerable. Shared space schemes cast aside these improvements at a stroke. Children are taught to "cross at the green man", no more. Guide dogs are taught to "Find a kerb", no more. People who are slow or infirm are "Protected by controlled crossings", no more. These people make up a minority of road users but the way we treat them is surely a measure of our civilisation.

If these madcap schemes are allowed to go ahead, I sincerely hope they are not, it may well be that accident figures are unchanged but that is not the point. Vulnerable people who are, at the moment able to use streets will simply be forced to stay at home, that is the point. No doubt some town planners would prefer that, after all the old and infirm make the streets look untidy and spoil the lovely artist impressions the planners produce.

These schemes attack the most vulnerable and I implore you to stop them

Kind regards

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