

PE1595/T

Barbara Walker Email of 12 January 2016

I wish to add my support to the petition PE1595.

I am a disabled pensioner who has been a mobility scooter user in Kirkintilloch for almost 40 years. I have enjoyed being able to get around the town and support the local shops. I am now very concerned about the proposed Shared Space within the town with the controlled crossings being removed in Cowgate and being replaced with courtesy crossings. It will make accessing that part of town and supporting the main shopping area impossible. Even with all my mobility scooter experience, without the controlled crossing I am unable to cross the Cowgate safely as, unlike a pedestrian, I can't step back if a car isn't stopping as I will have someone standing behind me who I don't want to run down. When the trial was done I just was unable to access the shops in the area covered by the Shared Space.

I feel strongly that with this scheme the most vulnerable in the community and in fact those who support the local shops at present, will be discriminated against.

I hereby give my consent for this submission to be included on your website.

Kind regards,

Barbara Walker