

PE1595/AA

Anne Rigby Email of 18 January 2016

To: Public Petitions Committee, Reference PE 1595,

I wish to add my support to the above petition about the proposed streetscape regulations, and give permission for this submission to be recorded and circulated electronically or via any other required method or format.

As a visually-impaired person I would like to make the following points about my problems using streets where kerbs and crossings have been removed. I use kerbs as markers to ensure that I walk on the pavement rather than on the road where I am in danger from drivers and cyclists. My guidedog is trained to find kerb edges when crossing roads or when navigating around a town. Without kerbs and tactile paving I have no means or orientation around a town or area.

Shared space schemes rely on drivers and pedestrians making eye contact when negotiating who has priority. As a blind person, I cannot communicate by eye contact which makes these shared space schemes no-go areas for me.

Kind regards,

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