

PE1595/CC

Sheila Foster 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 am totally blind and a guide dog user.

I wouldn't know where the courtesy crossings were located. My dog is trained to work to a physical kerb, no amount of retraining could teach the dogs where exactly to stop.

We are finding more and more silent vehicles on our roads. Would you attempt to cross a busy road, blindfolded?, with silent vehicles, bikes with no audible bell and, any other vehicles passing in front of you. Not forgetting buses and street clutter, which forces pedestrians nearer to the line of traffic.

I strongly urge you to reconsider these proposals.

There have been many accidents recorded in England, where these schemes have been introduced. Some European countries have either abandoned the idea, or banned them altogether, e.g. Germany.

From a concerned and, at the moment, independent pedestrian.

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