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Guide Dogs for the Blind Association Email of 18 January 2016

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To the Petitions Committee,

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association would like to add our support to the above petition.

Shared surfaces reduce or eliminate kerbs and controlled crossings which are essential for people with sight loss to be able to navigate safely and independently. Many people Guide Dogs works with inform us that the fear of using shared surfaces is discouraging them from travelling independently. The Government must issue clear, current statutory guidance for local authorities to use when developing streetscapes to ensure they are safe for people with sight loss. Guide Dogs is calling for a moratorium on local authorities commissioning shared surface schemes until up to date statutory guidance has been issued.

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

Kind regards,

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