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Gloria and Geoffrey Murdoch Email of 21 January 2016

My husband and me are both totally blind. Can you imagine getting around without sight? It isn't easy is it? We get around okay but it is hard work. We were horrified when we heard about the shared spaces scheme. Again I ask you to use your imagination, you are totally blind, you step on to a shared space and the cars are coming at you. How frightening is that? Last year the Scottish Government stated that they wanted a fairer and equal Scotland for everyone. Where is the fairness and equality in this shared spaces scheme? Please, please ask the Scottish Government to stop this scheme from going ahead. My guide dog is going to be very worried, he is trained to stop for traffic, he is trained to keep on the pavement. The shared spaces are going to be a real worry for blind and disabled people. Haven't we enough to cope with? Please don't put this distressing problem in our way. All we ask is for controled crossings and safe pavements. Is this too much to ask? My husband and me are willing for our names to go on the website.

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