

## **PE1595/TTT**

Transport Minister submission of 25 October 2017

Thank you for your letter of 29 September relating to petition PE1595. To confirm whether the Scottish Government accepts the findings in the final report of the shared spaces seminar held earlier this year and, if so, what steps will be taken to implement the measures detailed in the findings.

I can confirm that following the seminar in April, my officials have been working alongside colleagues in Scottish Government Planning and Architecture Division to setup a working group to take forward the findings of the report.

I am keen that this work is informed and directed by those affected by the issues raised in the seminar report. Therefore, the working group includes of a broad range of stakeholders including the petitioner, other groups and individuals representing the views of disabled people, as well as public and third sector partners. The intention is that the development of future guidance on this issue is co-produced with this stakeholder group. A list of membership is attached as Annex A.

The working group met for the first time in central Edinburgh on the 11th of October at [COSLA Conference Centre](#). The initial meeting focussed on the the purpose, terms of reference and a finalised remit for the group, based on a draft (below) which was issued to all participants in advance.

The Draft Purpose and Remit of the working group is to:

- Work collaboratively to co-produce the development of amended or new guidance supporting inclusive design for all (this will cover the design approaches typically used in shared space schemes)
- Ensure Inclusivity in the process
- Identify resources
- Develop a project structure, including key stages and participants
- Develop practical approaches that are tested through consultation and engagement
- Consider draft material and approve key principles for guidance

The meeting agreed an amended version of the Terms of Reference and a finalised remit for the group, this will be made available to the committee once cleared by all members (week Commencing 30th November). The group also considered the content of a one hour Inclusive Design/ Shared Space workshop proposed as part of the National Accessibility Seminar at The Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel, Clydebank on 26th of October. This workshop will include around 30 - 40 delegates and will be an important stage in developing the work.