

PE1595/N

Andrew Taylor Email of 5 January 2016

Petitions Committee,

I am writing to add my support to petition PE01595 lodged by Sandy Taylor.

I live in Milton of Campsie and I'm very fortunate to be neither elderly nor disabled but I'm disgusted by East Dunbartonshire's disregard for the vulnerable in my community. I have witnessed the decline of the Kirkintilloch high street over the past few years and fully understand the need for something to be done to improve it but actively excluding members of the public is not the solution. As a father of 3 children I am also extremely concerned for their safety in such a scheme. For me to go along with East Dunbartonshire's idea and encourage my children to walk across a road in front of oncoming traffic and hope that the cars stop for them is simply madness. I drove through Kirkintilloch during the "trial" and pedestrians were as confused as the drivers and I witnessed the impatience of some of these drivers as some cars stopped to allow pedestrians to cross. I dread to think of the potential accidents that will occur as a result of this scheme going full time.

This shared space scheme has been opposed by a huge majority in Kirkintilloch but the council has steam rolled through this decision with no regard for people who will be adversely affected by it. Mr Taylor's solution to have controlled crossings fitted to allow movement for all sectors of the public is more than reasonable and I would urge the council to see sense and adopt the necessary changes to their scheme.

Kind Regards

Andrew Taylor