

PE1595/P

Hazel Macfarlane Email of 6 January 2016

Dear Sirs

I wish to add my support the above petition, Ref PE1595.

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

As a volunteer with a visually impaired group I wish to register my concerns regarding 'shared space schemes'. My understanding is that the scheme depends, to a great extent, on eye contact between motorist and pedestrian. In this case where does that leave my visually impaired friends?

They surely cannot be expected to step onto a road and hope that any vehicles (which of course they cannot see) will stop for them. This in turn will deter them from using these shared space schemes thereby depriving them of their independence. Which of course means that they are being discriminated against.

This is not only relevant to the visually impaired as the disabled, the elderly, young children and many other less physically able people will likewise be affected.

Can I therefore add my support to the above petition.

Hazel Macfarlane