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Mary Neill Email of 13 January 2016

Kirkintilloch Masterplan/Shared Space

As the daughter of an 85 year old partially sighted woman I am more than a little concerned at the motorists who on a daily basis drive through traffic lights on red when coming from the direction of Kerr Street. On two occasions recently four cars have come through when the pedestrian has right of way. I therefore fear for the safety of everyone on the introduction of the Masterplan to Kirkintilloch and the shared space at Catherine Street. As a concession to the loss of the lights the council have as a salve to their conscience proposed courtesy crossings. These have no bearing in law and the driver still has the right of way. On the internet you will see lawyers who are lining up to defend drivers with a guarantee to get them off.

Many people agree with them but I'm always taken aback by those that cannot see the plight of those less fortunate than themselves. People don't ask to be born blind or disabled and a split second through accident or illness could place anyone in the same situation.

We are constantly bombarded in this council with the views of the unelected members reminiscent of the 1984 George Orwell novel telling us what is good for us but with the councillors themselves the silence is deafening.

Hopefully in the 2016/17 elections they are not voted back into the administration.

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