

PE1595/W

Joan and James Thomson Email of 13 January 2016

Proposed shared space scheme Kirkintilloch

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding the above proposal, my husband and I wish to register our utter dismay that our Council seems to be determined to introduce this change to our town centre regardless of road safety or public outrage.

I have signed petitions, joined protest demonstrations and also attended information forums...yet despite continually registering disapproval, I keep being told that it is going ahead and that it will improve our town!!!

I respectfully disagree and am certain this will sound the death knell for Kirkintilloch!!! What benefit this would bring to the town centre is totally beyond my comprehension, in fact if this scheme does go ahead the shops in Kirkintilloch town centre will quickly go out of business as many, like ourselves, refuse to drive through this death trap, and we will be compelled to shop outwith the town.

The trial last year was horrendousan absolute nightmare to drive through so we personally will no longer be able to shop in our town centre. Why??? What possibly can be the reasoning behind this proposal? It is unsafe, an accident waiting to happen, and will upset and disadvantage almost the entire population.

While our hearts go out to those who are visually impaired or have young children, our personal concern is that my husband has difficulty in walking and uses sticks to get around. He is also a Blue badge holder, and we live about a mile from the town centre. If this change to our roads does go ahead, even getting to our doctor's surgery will probably mean us having to hire taxis!!!! Surely this cannot be allowed to happen???

We are told that there will be additional crossings and other safety features, which are adequate for able bodied people, but for people, like my husband, who need to be driven as close as possible to their destination, this will be an absolute nightmare. Please please do not allow this change to go ahead, and I beg our Scottish Parliament to intervene in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Joan and James Thomson