

PE1595/PP

Catherine Orr Email of 18 January 2016

Dear Sir/ Madam

I live in Kirkintilloch, in the middle of the town. I have addisons disease, a truly debilitating disease with sever iron deficiency (as if I was not exhausted enough).

I object to the concept of shared spaces for Kirkintilloch as the alternative to me crossing safely at Catherine Street is to negotiate a hill down and then back up to the main street. I struggle to walk this main street as it is. I cannot do hills or stairs as I run out of breath when taxed at all. The stress of walking up hills is too much for me and leaves me more housebound than I am at present.

I do not think this is a good idea, in fact it is a terrible idea. I do not have the support of a group in Scotland or we would all be writing. However, my disease is so rare there are not enough of us (I am pleased to say),

Ban shared spaces. The plans look great but unworkable.

There was no public consultation. When I asked questions of a representative from EDC planning department, they refused to speak to me at all. EDC are not interested in this communities needs only the 60% funding for something we do not want.

It was very interesting to hear EDC have refused the local hotel planning permission for a lift to let disabled people to access their function suite. As a result NO disabled person can go to a funeral here or in oregano in Bishopbriggs (who were also refused), looks like this council are the council of discrimination. I note the new pavements etc outside Smiths Hotel at a cost of around £50k / £150k. Help for the drunk people seems more important by action and inaction.

I note also the exorbitant cost of a funeral here, is this more discrimination. Disabled people are far from rich but we do die faster.

Yours,

Catherine Orr