

Dear Sir,

I trust this message finds you well and that you have had a pleasant week thus far.

I have been appointed by the Aberdeen City Disability Equity Partnership as a subject matter expert, am a former Scottish Government appointee to the Mobility & Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) and am a self-employed accessibility consultant.

I would be grateful if you would consider this request for a deputation to the City Growth and Resources Committee on the above item at their upcoming meeting on 12 Nov 2021 on behalf of Ron Holding (Chair) and Katrina Michie (Vice-Chair) of the Aberdeen City Disability Equity Partnership.

The deputation will cover concerns over the opportunities for meaningful, transparent and wide-ranging engagement and consultation on the masterplan with disabled people and other sectors of society most likely to be impacted by it, and anxieties regarding the principle issue of the pedestrianisation of Union Street Central, amongst others. The deputation will ask the committee to acknowledge the concerns within their considerations and prior to any further decisions on the matter, and will ask that the committee pause any further activity towards implementation of the masterplan to allow for interested parties, including disabled people and their representatives, to engage further and in detail on their principle concerns along with any potentially beneficial mitigations so that the final implementation is materially inclusive to all sectors of society.

I do not envisage presenting any supplementary documents to the deputation but would hope to have copies of it available to the committee for their reference at that time.

I am registered blind and suffer from chronic pain and as such appreciate any assistance you can offer in enabling me to undertake this civic duty. I would appreciate the opportunity to present the deputation, if accepted, in person with the fallback of a remote meeting should circumstances so require.

Please will you confirm receipt of this request. In the meantime I look forward to hearing back from you as to the committee's response to the request.

All the best for now and take care.

This message was dictated using Dragon NaturallySpeaking 15 and J-Say for Fusion 2021 with a Philips SpeechMike Premium Air. I apologise for any inadvertent errors in the text.

---

Have a pleasant day,

Kind Regards and Best Wishes,

Hussein Patwa