PROPOSED RESPONSIBLE PARKING (SCOTLAND) BILL (2)

STATEMENT OF REASONS WHY CONSULTATION IS UNNECESSARY

Proposal
1. My draft proposal is for a Bill that allows freedom of movement for all pedestrians by restricting parking at dropped kerbs, on pavements and double parking.

The aim is to enable freedom of movement for all pedestrians through the regulation and restriction of parking at dropped kerbs, on pavements and double parking in order to provide free movement for those groups who currently experience severe difficulties and/or dangerous situations as a result of irresponsible parking including the blind, wheelchair users, mothers with pushchairs and children.

Procedure
2. Under Rule 9.14.3 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders, a draft proposal should be lodged with either:

- a consultation document; or

- a written statement of reasons why, in the member's opinion, a case for the proposed Bill has already been established by reference to specified published material and that consultation on the draft proposal is therefore unnecessary.

Why consultation is unnecessary
3. On 1 October 2010, Ross Finnie MSP put forward the Proposed Regulation of Dropped Kerbs and Pavement Parking (Scotland) Bill. A consultation was undertaken and the results were published on 8 March 2011. Of the 123 responses received, 83% of respondents supported the proposals either in whole or in part. One month on from the final proposal being lodged the proposed Bill had gained the support of 30 MSPs, gathering sufficient support for a Bill to be introduced. The proposed Bill fell due to dissolution of Parliament for the 2011 Parliamentary elections.

4. Information about the proposal, including the summary of consultation responses, is available here:
   http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/22287.aspx

5. On 28 March 2012, Joe Fitzpatrick MSP lodged a proposal for a Responsible Parking (Scotland) Bill, taking forward the work done by Ross Finnie and adding double parking to the proposed legislation in response to problems reported by emergency services. The proposal was accompanied by a consultation document. The proposal was withdrawn on 26 September 2012 as result of the Member becoming a Minister in the Scottish Government.
Information about Mr Fitzpatrick’s proposal is available here: [http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/49061.aspx](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/49061.aspx)

6. After discussion with the Member and The Responsible Parking Alliance consisting of the following 20 major charities: Living Streets Scotland, Age Scotland, Barnardo’s Scotland, Capability Scotland, CTC Scotland, Epilepsy Scotland, Guide Dogs Scotland, Inclusion Scotland, Leonard Cheshire Disability, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, National Federation of the Blind of the United Kingdom, Paths for All, Quarriers, Ramblers Scotland, RNIB Scotland, Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance, Scottish Disability Equality Forum, Spokes, Sustrans Scotland, Transform Scotland I have undertaken to collate and publish the findings of the Member’s consultation.

7. Joe Fitzpatrick’s consultation received 414 responses, one of the highest for a Member’s Bill proposal, and of the responses 95% were in favour of the proposed Bill.

8. A copy of the consultation responses can be found on my website, here: [http://sandra-white.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=667&Itemid=49](http://sandra-white.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=667&Itemid=49)

**Conclusion**

9. I consider that no further consultation exercise is required to be undertaken on my proposal for a Bill for the reasons set out above.

10. I kindly request the Parliament gives due consideration to this statement of reasons and inform me as to whether it is of the opinion that they are sufficient for the proposal to proceed.

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