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I refer to your letter of 10 October enclosing further submissions from the Guide Dogs for the Blind in relation to their petition about the use of shared space.

Thank you for sharing the further information that the Petitioner has submitted which sets out their experience of shared space schemes. I am aware that other organisations in Wales are also preparing information on this issue.

All of these perspectives will be considered in our continuing assessment of shared space schemes. We will require more comprehensive evidence and to learn lessons from the application of the Department for Transport Guidance Note in England to inform future Welsh Government policy in this area.

Although not directly a shared space issue, I will ensure that the Design Guidance that is being developed to accompany the Active Travel Bill is subject to a rigorous Equality Impact Assessment. We will be consulting widely on the Guidance and the Guide Dogs for the Blind will have the opportunity to comment in due course.

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