

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM ALEX YOUNG

It is not before time, this Bill was looked at. I live in Aberdeen, Torry, which is the south of the city, one of the old parts of Aberdeen, and parking is very restrictive in this area, so people tend to use the footpaths very regularly, even if there are double yellow lines.

Over the last year or so, many of neighbours and myself have complained to the city council on this matter, pointing out the safety factors and the stupidity and thoughtlessness of some drivers, to no avail. In one particular there is one street which has two shops, one twenty yards from a roundabout, the other sits at the roundabout.

Vehicles and cars actually park on the footpath that surrounds the roundabout to use the shop positioned there. Both shops have double yellow lines outside them but this means nothing to drivers in this particular area.

While Dame Anne Begg was in parliament the local residents including myself had a meeting with her in her surgery, we pointed out the issue we've seen and safety factors surrounding this particular area. She wrote to the city council and the police, for a couple of weeks there was a presence of police and wardens, but this soon disappeared.

Even now this issue is still there buses struggle to get by the parked cars and have to manoeuvre slowly round the roundabout. I am surprised there has been no serious incident up to now, there has been plenty of minor incidents.

However maybe introducing this Bill may make the police and the wardens take a different view on the situation, but I think they all work on the criteria nobody has been killed as yet so it is not a problem.