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Dear Mr Cullum

Car Parking on Pavements

I am writing to you with evidence for the Local Government and Regeneration Committee concerning the Private Member's Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill introduced into the Scottish Parliament, by Sandra White MSP, and sponsored by the Living Streets Scotland and the Responsible Parking Alliance.

I thought it might be helpful to give you some information about how the BPA can assist in relation to the sensitive issue of cars parking on pavements.

The BPA represent around 700 organisations involved in parking across the UK including local authorities. We place the consumer at the heart of our thinking and as the recognised authority in parking we actively represent and promote the sector by advancing knowledge, raising standards and professionalism, and using our influence to deliver excellence for the benefit of all.

Indeed, the Scottish Government itself recognises the important role parking management plays in keeping our streets safe and free from obstruction, improving road safety and enabling servicing and deliveries to take place in high streets that would become congested if parking wasn't properly and effectively managed.

The demand for parking, especially from residents living in properties where there was little demand for parking facilities when the housing accommodation was originally built, has begun to create problems in some areas.

In some narrow streets it is not unusual to see vehicles parked partly on the pavement. This then restricts the safe passage of pedestrians especially those with sight disabilities and those in charge of young children. Parking on the pavement can also cause damage to the footway, adding costs for local authorities in repair bills.

The BPA has always believed that parking on and obstruction of the footway is wrong. We have supported the proposals for a new law since it was first proposed by Ross Finnie MSP in 2010. You may be interested to know that the British Parking Association produce a [Master Plan for Parking in Scotland](#), which sets out our agenda to 'Enable a Mobile Society' by setting standards, promoting professionalism, advocating sustainability, challenging perceptions and encouraging innovation, we aim to achieve the best outcome for the motorist and the wider parking profession.

As with last year's Master Plan, whilst many issues are common we have produced different versions for governments of the UK, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The issue of parking on pavements covers all four nations and as such our Plan for Scotland includes support for the Scottish Pavement Parking Bill.

Road safety is an important issue and one that affects many communities. We believe that providing and managing parking on street needs to be seen in the context of delivering a better and fairer service to the pedestrian, resident and motorist.

A copy of our current Master Plan is enclosed, which sets out our objectives for the parking profession. I would be delighted to provide you with more information or, indeed, meet with you in person should you be interested in discussing this issue further.

Please do let me know if I can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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