



Scottish Parliament,
Local Government and Regeneration Committee.

Dear Committee Members,

FOOTWAY PARKING and DOUBLE PARKING (Scotland) Bill.

On behalf of the Road Haulage Association I wish to make comment on the noted Bill.

We do of course understand the reason and purpose of this Bill.

At this stage a detailed response is not being submitted as we do not have enough information to do so, hence, please accept our initial thoughts on the matter.

In general terms, we wish to establish whether or not the UK legislation permitting loading and unloading operations under Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 will continue. Section 2 of the proposed Bill does not seem to include this and Section 6 lacks operational flexibility.

In summary, our sector's drivers have to stop their vehicles in built up areas not for the intention of 'parking up' or 'waiting' but to 'load or unload' and then move away as soon as completed.

Sometimes because of access requirements loading and unloading of goods needs to be undertaken with the vehicle on footpaths or pavement areas and we wish to mention this matter for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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