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Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland Email of 22 November 2016

I refer to your email with letter of 28 October 2016 to Mr Steven Herriott, SCOTS Secretary. I have been asked to reply on behalf of SCOTS as Chair of the Liaison Committee.

As you will be aware, this topic was exhaustively investigated by the Local Government and Regeneration Committee in the last session of the Scottish Parliament in their consideration of the member's bill on Footway Parking and Double Parking. While the original bill fell due to lack of time and lack of competency on parking legislation by the Scottish Parliament, this issue has now been rectified and the Scottish Government has committed to consulting on a government bill on responsible parking during the current session. The issues raised during the debate of the original bill will no doubt receive a full airing when the new consultation is published.

During that process written and oral evidence was provided by a wide range of organisations, including SCOTS. All the evidence presented to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee is available on the Scottish Parliament web site and on reviewing the information it still represents the view of the Society.

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_LocalGovernmentandRegenerationCommittee/General%20Documents/035_SCOTS.pdf

However, the Petition specifically mentions dropped kerbs, without much by the way of definition. It is essential that a more precise definition is considered, as the term "dropped kerb" covers a number of situations, not just related to pedestrian crossing points. There are also other features such as raised areas which may benefit from protection as their intention is to aid access.

Finally we also note that the recent Committee meeting discussed the range of powers already open to Local Authorities. At present Local Authorities do have powers via the use of a Traffic Regulation Order. The use of Traffic Regulation Orders is cumbersome, long, and costly. To make the order enforceable there would be a need for onsite signage and lining.