

Case Study 5: Guide Dogs Scotland

Having a clear pathway is crucial for many pedestrians who are blind or partially sighted and who wish to navigate along streets independently. Street clutter, such as bins, can also prevent people with mobility impairments such as wheelchairs and other vulnerable pedestrians from using the pavements with confidence.

Emma Brown of Guide Dogs Scotland welcomes the changes and believes bins along our pavements can cause obstructions which can hamper a person's progress along a street, "We have loads of guide dog owners that would visit Glasgow from people that live and work here or just visiting. Street clutter is a big problem for someone with sight loss and these bins can block the pavement, especially in a busy city centre with lots of people."

Knocking into items of street clutter is not only painful but can be a shock to a person who is blind or partially sighted, and could affect that person's confidence to use these streets and local amenities, "Getting the bins off the streets of Glasgow is a really positive move, it gives people a lot more confidence to walk down the street and less chance of having to go on the road to avoid a bin."

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