

ELGC COV22

Ymchwiliad i COVID-19 a'i effaith

Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact

Ymateb gan: Cŵn Tywys Cymru

Response from: Guide Dogs Cymru

Re the shared space issue - [REDACTED] (RNIB CYMRU), has forwarded a copy of our briefing paper, which we hope influences local authorities to give careful consideration to any new schemes which encourage cycling on pavements, and measures which make the street scape less inclusive, such as widening the pavements using cones and other such insubstantial barriers going out into the road.

We understand that pavement widening may be necessary to support social distancing, but, as you will be aware, any unexpected new element within the street environment has the potential to put us at risk. This uncertainty, coupled with the challenges of keeping socially distant, (impossible for many with sight loss), presents us with major concerns as we emerge from lock down. We have evidence from our conversations with clients of people being afraid of the judgements others will make if they do not keep social distance, so we will be working together on how to promote public awareness of this issue in the next few weeks, we will keep you updated.