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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 6 March 2020 regarding Petition P-05-898, the petition to ban the use of A boards in Wales.

In my letter to you last July, I informed you that this matter would be discussed at the Disability Equality Forum. This meeting took place on 15 January and was chaired by the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip.

At the meeting, following representations from the RNIB and others, it was agreed that A Boards pose a real danger to visually impaired people, but it was also acknowledged that A Boards are only one object in a range of practices on the high street that serve as obstructions for disabled people. These other obstructions include cobbled stones, bollards and tables and chairs outside cafes and restaurants.

Listening to all the views it was therefore agreed at the meeting that this issue could be considered as part of the continuation of Welsh Government's work on the Social Model of Disability.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Disability Wales will be delivering further workshops later this year with a view to setting up a Working Group to deliver agreed proposals to look at the development of resources, including a toolkit. They are also going to provide E-Learning Modules on the Social Model of Disability and look at the removal of social barriers affecting disabled people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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