

Shared Space – progress on Exhibition Road

Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea have announced a joint agreement on the redevelopment of Exhibition Road.

Judicial review proceedings initiated by the charity have now been put on ice following the talks.

As part of the agreement, Guide Dogs and other disability organisations will work with the Council to continue the earlier research on the corduroy paving that is being used in the design to mark the pedestrian and traffic zones.

The agreement was reached after the Royal Borough confirmed its intention to conduct real world trials to test its proposed design.

Guide Dogs, and the other organisations that are represented on the scheme's Access Group, will be fully consulted on how the trials will be conducted, and on the evaluation of the results.

The Royal Borough has also expressed its desire that pedestrians should have priority on Exhibition Road and as part of the agreement, Guide Dogs will support the Royal Borough's application to the Department for Transport to introduce a new sign for single surface streets.