

P-04-438 Shopping Access - Correspondence from Cardiff County Council to the Chair, 24.05.13

Dear Mr Powell

Thank you for your letter dated 7th May 2013 in which you present the concerns of the Petitions Committee in connection with disabled people's access to the city of Cardiff.

Firstly let me take this opportunity to thank you for bringing these issues to our attention, but also take this opportunity to inform you of one of our key actions that we have in place to improve the accessibility of the city.

In 2010, as a result of the major redevelopment of the city centre, Cardiff Council employed a specific Access Officer and created the Cardiff Council Access Focus Group. Both these objectives have been very successful in improving the way that the disabled community's voice is represented in our schemes policies and projects. This also ensures that we comply with our duties within the Equalities Act 2010, building regulations and a number of other legislative requirements.

I would really welcome a representative from the petitioners to meet with our Access Officer, Dr Robert Gravelle, who will be happy to go through each issue you have raised. I would also like to invite a representatives of Mencap Cymru to the next meeting of the Cardiff Council Access Focus Group.

I will ask Dr Gravelle to contact you and arrange a suitable meeting to see how we can in partnership move forward with our shared objectives.

Regards

Jon House
Chief Executive