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Chief Executive  
Glasgow City Council

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Dear Madam,

## **DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES – LACK OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

We write further to your authorities recent annual report written in response to the obligation under the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. The Act places a statutory duty upon local authorities to “promote proper use of parking places in its area that are designated or provided for use only by disabled persons vehicles”. Additionally the Act states that a “local authority has no power...to designate an advisory disabled street parking place” except where the procedure to make it permanent has begun.

We note from your report for the 2021-2022 reporting period that you have identified 135 spaces which have been requested by a qualifying person. It is also reported that none of these have started the statutory procedure to put in place a corresponding Traffic Regulation Order to allow for proper enforcement of these new spaces, contrary to the duties placed upon you in the Act. As you know the progress these matters is reported to the Scottish Parliament annually and this years report will be published shortly.

Further to this, and having reviewed the last 5 years worth of reporting periods, we note that you have identified 923 disabled persons parking spaces in total and have started the relevant TRO procedures on 106 of these. It would therefore appear that this isn't an isolated occurrence and we would welcome further discussions on this to understand how we may assist.

In order to correctly inform Ministers we would be grateful if you could let us know what remedial action you plan to take over the course of the next six months to ensure that the local authorities duties under the Act are being properly considered. We would also be grateful of any feedback you may have as we start to look at how we can look to improve the situation going forward to ensure that Disabled Persons' Parking Places are kept free for those who truly require them.

Yours sincerely,

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