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**From:** Dudley Borough Local Access Forum [mailto:dblaf@btinternet.com]

**Sent:** 08 October 2008 10:41

**To:** Mike Muston

**Cc:** Sue Holmyard; Kim Fellows

**Subject:** Re: Shared surfaces in the highway

**Dear Mike Muston**

Thank you for your positive e-mail. I know that members of the Forum will be delighted and I hope that you do not mind me copying it to Kim Fellows so that it can be minuted at the next meeting.

Again, thank you!

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Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

On 8 Oct 2008, at 10:07, Mike Muston wrote:

Dear Mick Freer,

Thank you for your recent very full communication on the above subject on behalf of the Dudley Borough Local Access Forum. Let me first introduce myself as the Interim Planning Control Manager, filling this post temporarily on a 3 day per week basis.

Whilst I was aware of the advice in Manual for Streets, it is never a bad thing to remind relevant officers and members of changes in Government advice, particularly at times such as these when we receive so much of it on a regular basis.

You circulated your letter widely to members and we have now done the same internally to relevant officers. This will ensure that all officers are fully aware of the problems that the use of shared surfaces in inappropriate locations can cause to disabled people with a range of different disabilities, and can aim to prevent further problems in future.

Thank you for sharing your organisation's experience of these problems with us.