

LIVING

STREETS

HOW TO ENSURE YOUR STREETS ARE FREE FROM CLUTTER

#CUTTHECLUTTER

GILL WING CAFE
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Organic
Delicatessen
Fresh Bread, Pastries
Organic Vegetables,
Tea, Coffee, Sausages
and Sandwiches
to take away

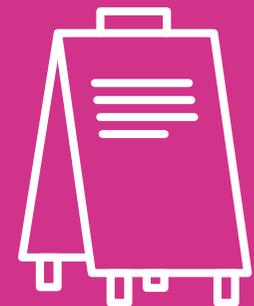
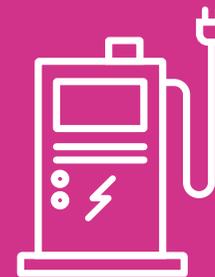
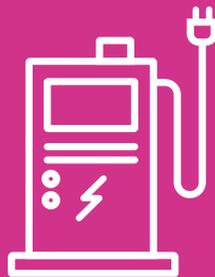
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By getting rid of unnecessary signs, railings and advertising boards, our streets can be made tidier and less confusing. Reducing street clutter and making attractive, interesting and beautiful public spaces is a major part of how we can create vibrant areas for walking.

An increasing form of clutter is the introduction of electric vehicle charging points. To help you tackle these specifically we have created a separate how-to guide, find it here: www.livingstreets.org.uk/clutter



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO DECREASE STREET CLUTTER IN YOUR AREA?

1

Contact your local councillors to push them to take action

If street clutter is clogging up your area, contact your local councillors to push them to take action. Use our simple online forms to send letters to them. Visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/clutter



2

Speak to people who are creating street clutter

Perhaps a shop is putting out an A-board that takes up vast tracts of the pavement? A quick word reminding them that it is important that everyone is able to use the pavement might be all you need for them to move the sign.



3

Raise awareness of the issue locally

You could write to your local paper outlining the issue of street clutter using our online forms at www.livingstreets.org.uk/clutter



4

Start or join a local Living Streets group

Improve the streets in your neighbourhood by joining forces with others. Take your first step by visiting www.livingstreets.org.uk/localgroups



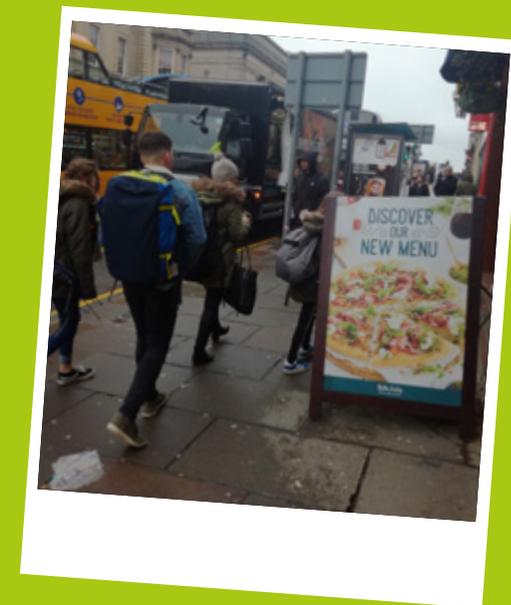
CASE STUDY

EDINBURGH 'A' BOARD BAN

City of Edinburgh Council's citywide ban on 'A' boards constitutes a major victory for campaigners such as the Edinburgh Living Streets group and the Royal National Institute of Blind People who worked with the council to make this happen.

Edinburgh's Transport and Environment Convener, Cllr Lesley Macinnes, said:

“THIS BAN, WHICH HAS RECEIVED BROAD CROSS-PARTY SUPPORT, IS THE RIGHT MOVE TOWARD CREATING ACCESSIBLE, GOOD QUALITY PUBLIC SPACES IN EDINBURGH. REDUCING STREET CLUTTER IS ESSENTIAL TO OPENING UP OUR STREETS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, PROVIDING SAFE, WELCOMING WALKWAYS AND REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS.”



WRITE TO YOUR COUNCILLORS

Here is our template letter to use if you'd like to write to your local councillors about streets clutter in your area. Send this online via www.livingstreets.org.uk/clutter

Dear <Cllr Smith> ,

I am writing to highlight the issue of street clutter in <area>. Street clutter, which is made up of poorly placed or redundant street furniture, such as defunct phone boxes or excessive poles for road signs, can seem harmless but it contributes to a less attractive walking environment and decreases everyone's ability to get around safely. It is creating unnecessary obstructions which are inconvenient for everyone and particularly problematic for people with wheelchairs, buggies, or those living with sight loss.

I am specifically concerned with... [use this space to outline your specific issues]

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I would like you to work with your colleagues in the local authority to reduce the street clutter in our area. As a councillor you are uniquely placed to take action on this topic to improve the public realm and make our area more pleasant.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

<name>

<address>

WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL PAPER

Here is our template letter to use if you'd like to write to your local papers about streets clutter in your area. Send this online via www.livingstreets.org.uk/clutter

Dear Editor,

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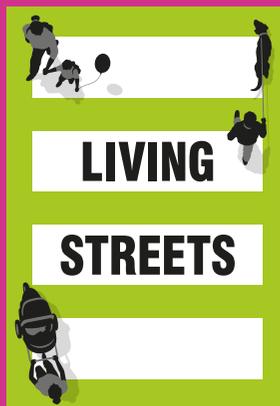
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<Council.name> must take action on street clutter now.

Kind regards,

<Name>

<Address>



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