

## **We the undersigned petition the council to reverse the decision to delete the Development Officer Inclusion and Mobility post**

We the disabled people and organisations representing disabled people in the Bradford District would like to express our concern and dismay about the decision to delete the current post of Development Officer Inclusion and Mobility from within the Planning and Highways Service located in the Regeneration Directorate of Bradford Council.

This decision means disabled people in representing their views to help ensure our district becomes more inclusive, will no longer have the necessary voice challenging poor access on our behalf where it occurs. Bradford district has many steep hills, old Victorian housing stock and poor public realm infrastructure that result in significant access challenges that need badly resolving.

It is a fundamental human right that everyone, no matter what their disability may be, should be able to move about the built environment safely without inconvenience or fear of harm, because professionals responsible for the built environment fail to consider disabled peoples access needs. We still have a long way to go at improving barriers to physical access. Taking away a specialist post that helps support other professionals who lack detailed access design knowledge, can only be a backward step and is counter-productive to the Councils overall aim towards making improved financial savings.

By the Council deleting this post, as part of the budget cuts process, it has failed to ensure the principles of 'Due Regard' are properly applied as outlined in the Public Sector Equality Duty of the 2010 Equalities Act

We would like Bradford Council to reverse the decision to delete what we believe is a very valuable post that improves disabled peoples quality of life living in the district

**This petition runs from 28/10/2016 to 02/12/2016**

Please send the completed petition to Room 112, Committee Secretariat, Legal & Democratic Services

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HY

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