

Dear Melissa,

The newspaper article and the minutes of the meeting on the issue refer to the following matters:

- a. Concerns that the installed railings are not the same as old ones, particularly in relation to visibility gap and
- b. The choice of procurement option for this requirement

The new railings are inter-visible and are suitable for siting at junctions such as Argyll St and John St in Dunoon. They are designed to be not more than 1m above the footway which is below the sightline of a driver of a car. The inter-visible nature of the railings is to allow drivers to see objects behind the railing line which are shorter than the railing height, which could be a small child or animal such as a guide dog etc. Similar railings are currently in use at the pedestrian entrance to Dunoon Primary school off Hillfoot St and at the pedestrian crossing point over the A815 at Strachur with its junction with the C57 on the route to Strachur primary school.

Scotland Excel framework was in use. By default, SXL is the sourcing route for small procurements as it engages national procurement frameworks with process and cost efficiencies.

No further actions are planned to replace the recently installed railings, unless the junction itself would change.

In addition to that, it was also noted in the newspaper article that the community had a mixed reaction to the railings, including people who were pleased with the works.

Many thanks,

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