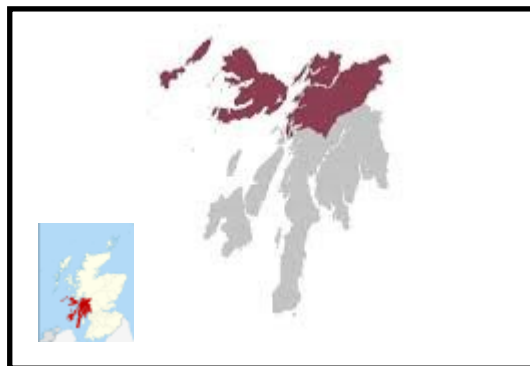


The Access Panel monitor and strive to improve access to footpaths, roads, buildings, transport and services for anyone with a disability or impaired mobility. We take a keen interest in helping make sure new developments are accessible and we embrace the opportunity, as often as possible to work with architects, developers and planners.

We engage with a variety of groups and organisations to raise awareness of accessibility issues.

If you are involved with a group or organisation that you think would benefit from talking to us, or keeping in touch with what we do, please contact our secretary:

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Promoting social inclusion and a more accessible environment in Oban and the surrounding area



Who Are We?

We are a group of people with disabilities and supporters who have a shared interest in promoting access for all members of the community. We meet on Tuesday afternoons every two months. Our meetings last about 1 ½ hrs and are open to anyone with an interest in the work we do.

Disabilities are many and varied and are not always obvious – they may be short term or they may be permanent. We encourage understanding and empathy.

What Do We Do?

- Review planning applications and offer suggestions that would improve accessibility
- For development proposals, we offer a “pre-application” access assessment to architects, designers and developers.
- Organise awareness sessions and training, to help people understand disability requirements.
- Work with public sector organisations to improve accessibility in public buildings and spaces
- We have a trained access auditor who can carry out audits for community organisations and local businesses.

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www.evansguide.com