

Dear Sir / Madam

DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

This letter refers to the draft SIB disability action plan and invites comments. If you feel that you need to see the letter or the attached document in an alternative format – such as Braille, large print, audio cassette, disk or in a minority language – please let us know and we will arrange to make this available to you as quickly as possible. Contact information is given below.

As you are aware the Strategic Investment Board Limited (SIB) is required to prepare a disability action plan in accordance with Sections 49A and 49B of the DDA 1995 and submit it to the Equality Commission by 30 June 2007.

We have therefore prepared the attached draft plan and would welcome your comments on it. We are happy to receive comments in any format – for example, letter, fax, e-mail or telephone call. Alternatively, if you would like to talk to us in person, we will make arrangements to meet you at a convenient time and place.

We are aware of the importance of allowing consultees as much time as possible to prepare and submit comments, especially at a time when a large number of public authorities are consulting on draft plans. We therefore want to allow at least 2 months for consultation. In view of the fact that the deadline for submitting plans to the Equality Commission is 30 June 2007, we are circulating our draft plan now and requesting comments by Wednesday, 20 June 2007.

However, the Equality Commission and Disability Action are organising seminars on the preparation of disability action plans towards the end of this month and the beginning of May which we hope to attend. We may therefore want to make some amendments to our draft plan after the seminars and we will let you know immediately if we think this is necessary.

We are circulating the draft disability action plan to the attached list of organisations. If you know of any other organisations which might be interested in seeing it, we would be grateful if you would let us know.

The contact details for all comments, queries and information on the draft disability action plan are as follows –

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Please note that the draft plan can also be accessed on our website at www.sibni.org . The website is fully accessible to disabled people.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Human Resources

List of organisations

British Deaf Association (NI)

Disability Action

Down's Syndrome Association

Employers' Forum on Disability

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

MENCAP

Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health

North West Forum of People with Disabilities

Parents and Professionals and Autism

Royal National Institute for the Blind (NI)

Royal National Institute for Deaf People

Sense NI

The Cedar Foundation

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association