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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL – PRESENTATION PACK

Wednesday 16 July 2025

2.00 pm

Warspite Room, Council House

Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel – Presentation Pack

6. Grit Bin Policy Review:

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HIGHWAY GRIT BIN REVIEW (2024/25)

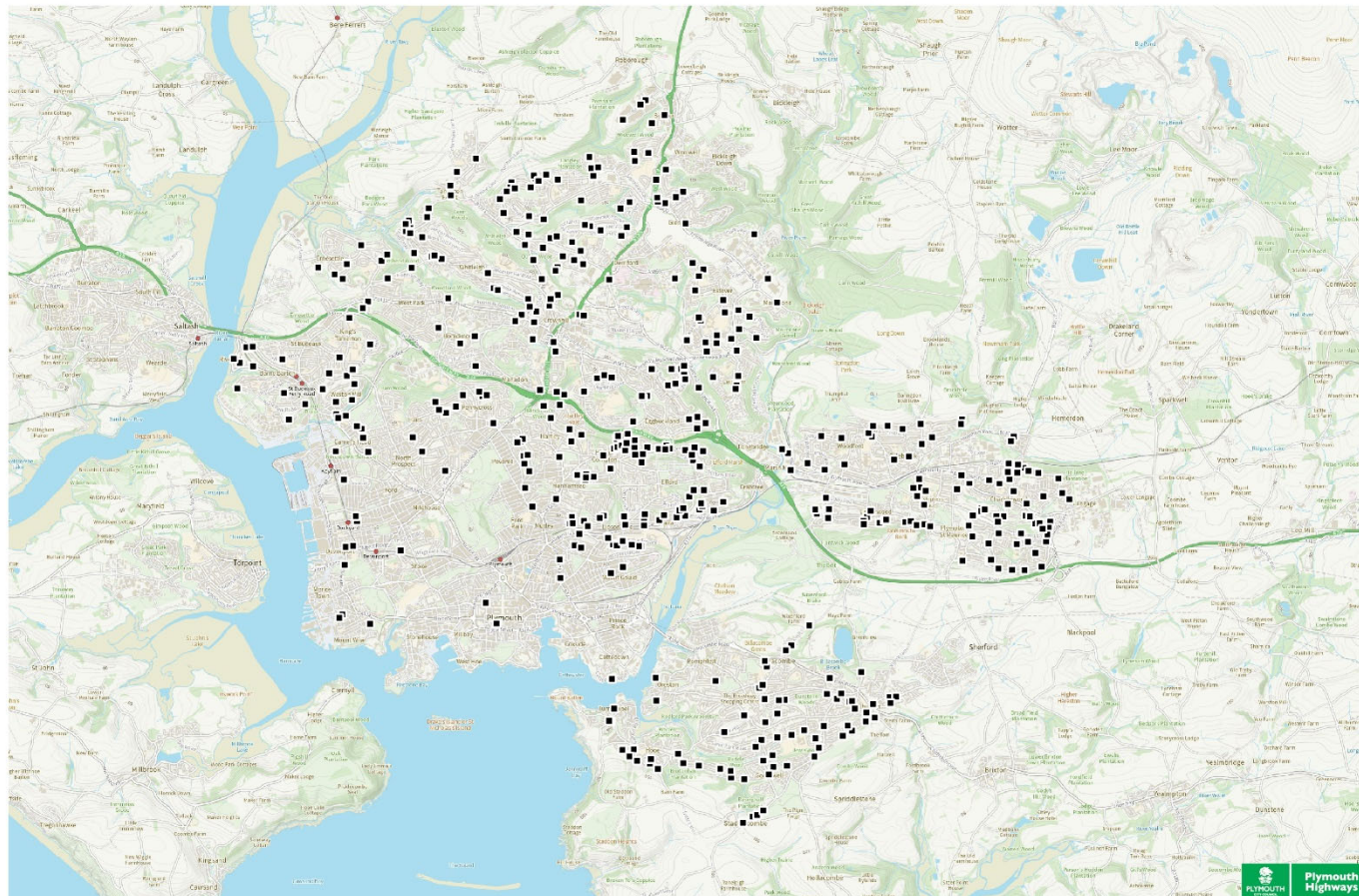


PROVISION OF GRIT BINS



- Winter service period runs from 01/10 to 31/03
- The salt contained in grit bins are intended for use on the public highway during cold weather
- The provision of a grit bin is not a statutory duty
- Only provided where the need is recognised
- Currently there are Councillor requested grit bins (green) and Highways maintained bins (yellow)
- Can be requested by the public and request considered based on criteria

CURRENT GRIT BIN PROVISION (480 NR)



2024 Grit Bin Review
Existing Provision

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WHAT TRIGGERED THIS PROCESS



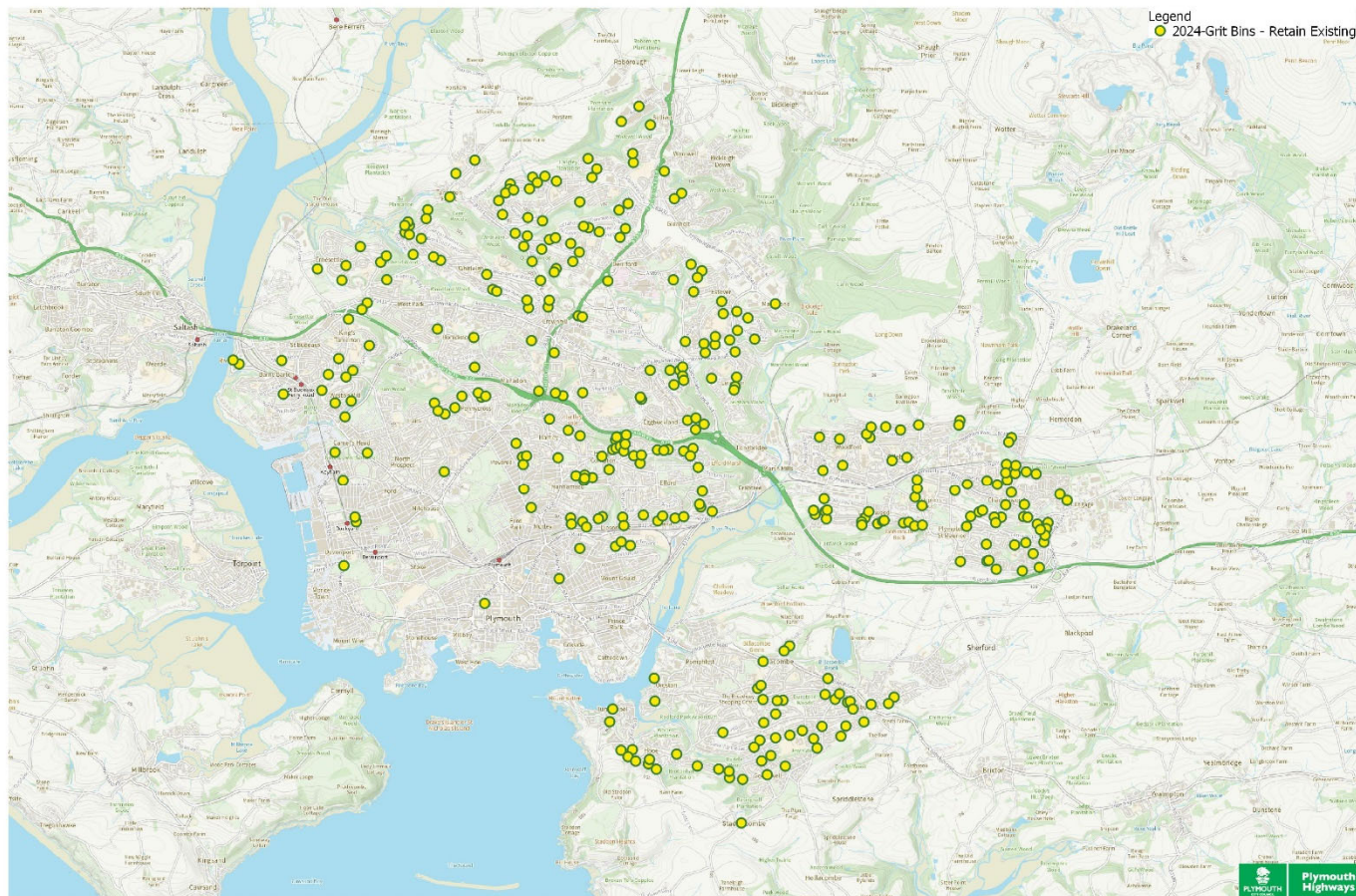
- Winter 2022 included a severe cold snap with 594 new requests received (normally around 10)
- Existing grit bin provision very historical with no real reasoning
- Discussed with other Authorities and several policies reviewed to establish our own process
- A need to establish a consistent process to consider new requests for grit bins
- As part of the review we have assessed all known existing grit bin locations using same criteria

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



- Is it HMPE?
- Already on a gritting route
- Is it on Resilient Network or traffic sensitive
- Steepness of gradient, falling towards junction, or sharpness of bends, number of premises where this is only access, history of ice or snow related accidents
- Proximity to next closest grit bin
- Presence of schools, designated elderly accommodation, clinic or doctors

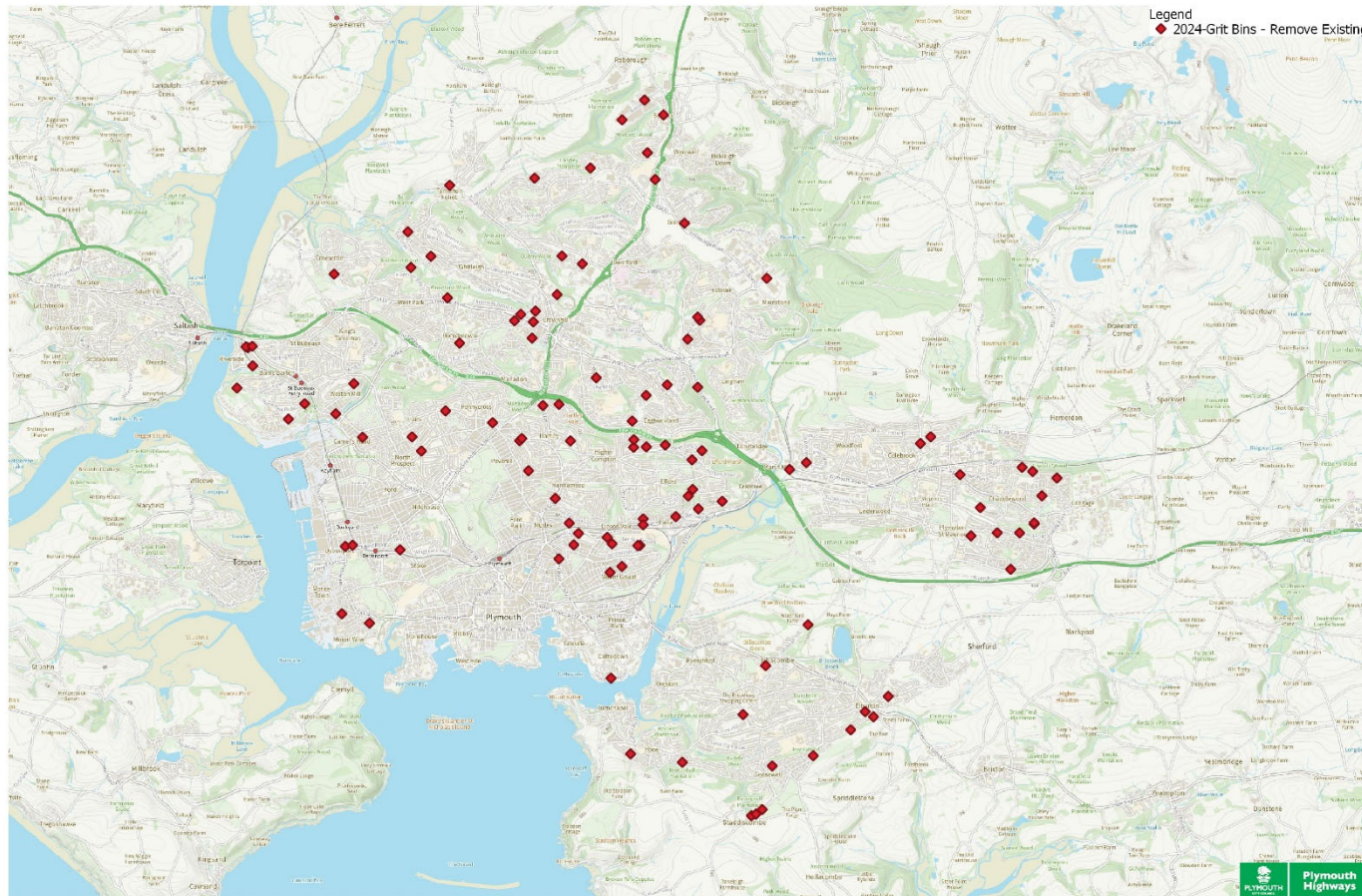
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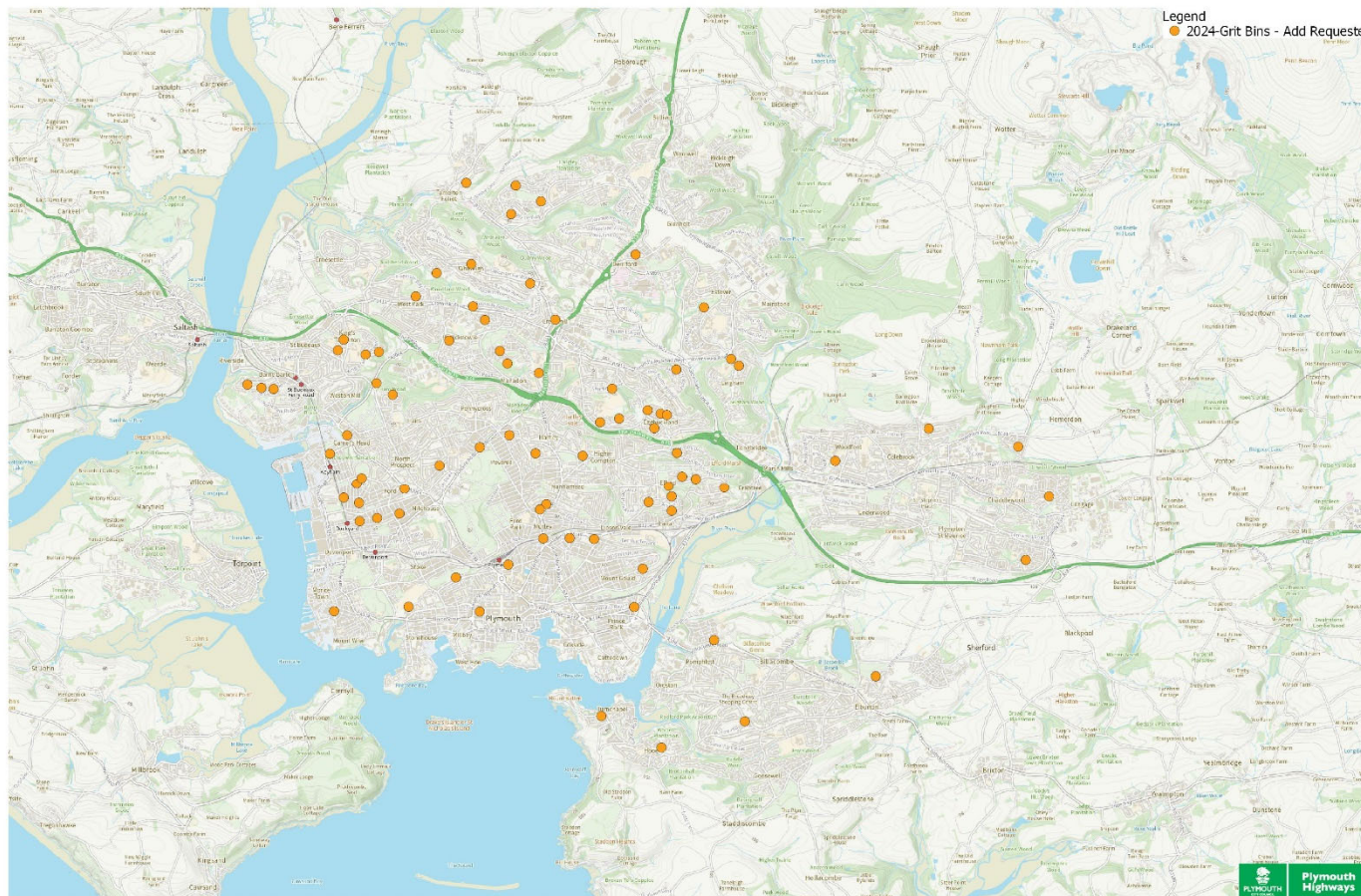
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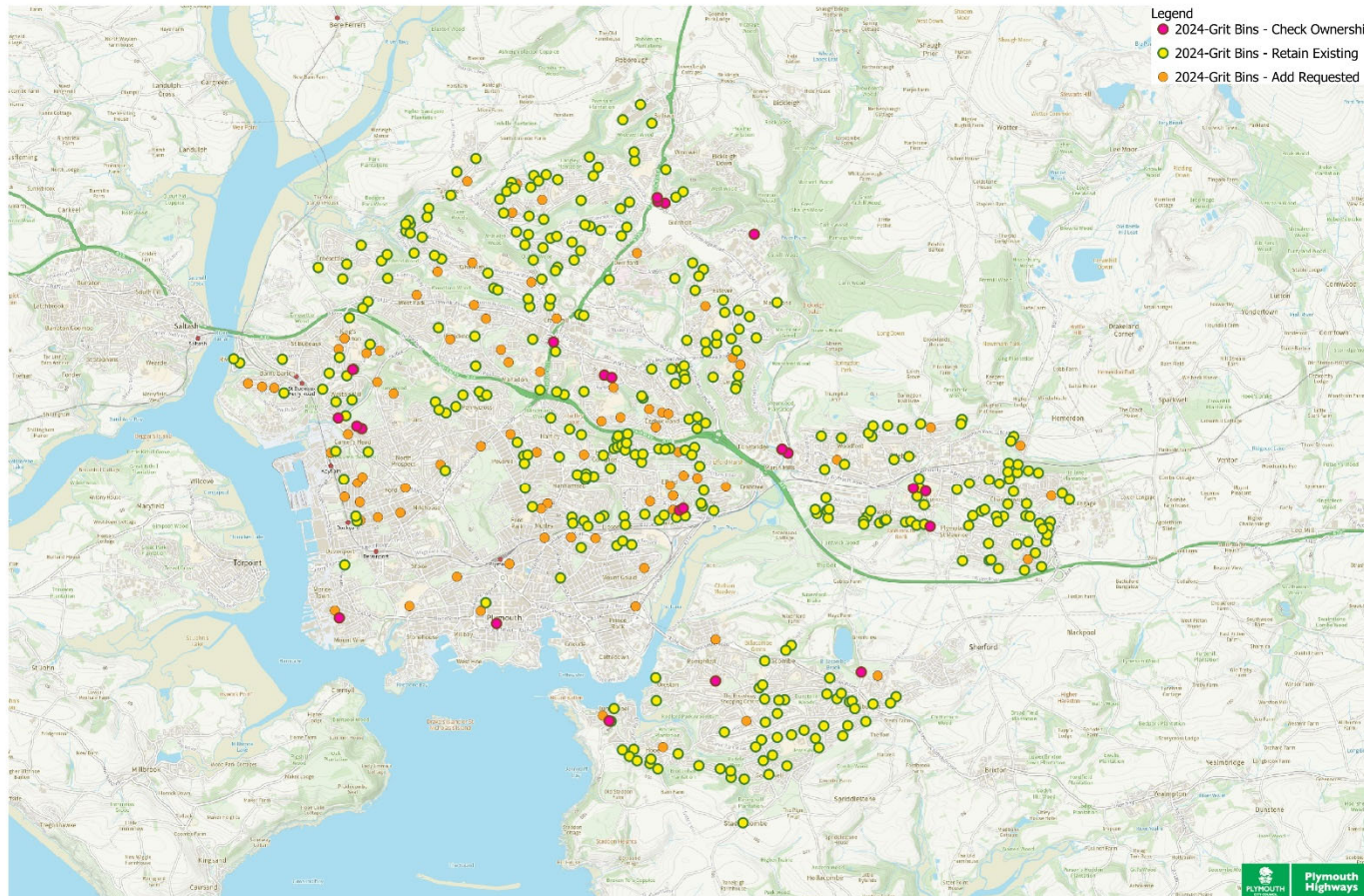
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**2024 Grit Bin Review
Recommended Additions**

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OUTCOMES OF REVIEW (NEW PROVISION)



**2024 Grit Bin Review
Proposed New Provision**

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RECOMMENDED OUTCOMES



- Actions detailed in this review adopted in time for Winter season 2025/26
- All grit bins are standardised as yellow with all new requests following this process. No green Councillor grit bins
- Those grit bins where ownership is in question are further reviewed and retained or removed as appropriate
- Further additional review of City Centre grit bins to be undertaken
- Grit bins to be clearly labelled with potential for numbering system as identifier