

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 22 June 2020



Encampments

Following the encampment at Prince Rock, Plymouth City Council notes the guidance issued by the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government in response to the Covid 19 emergency, that 'during this unprecedented time Local Authorities have a responsibility to ensure all communities are supported'. Plymouth City Council adopted the Prince Rock site as a temporary tolerated area on 9th April despite objections from members of the public.

Plymouthians have expressed concern that the Council has failed to act in the common interest and has not responded to the concerns of local Council tax payers.

This Council notes that, Plymouth City Council had failed to identify an appropriate tolerated area prior to start of the pandemic, and the current site at Prince Rock is only guaranteed until 31st October 2020. This Council will remedy this by asking the Cabinet member for Housing and Co-operative Development to identify and ring fence alternative suitable land for the use of the gypsy and traveller community as soon as practical but no later than the 31st October 2020.

Proposed: Councillor Samantha Leaves

Signature "By email"

Seconded: Councillor Dave Downie

Signature "By email"