

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council



Changes to the Planning System

Plymouth City Council is extremely concerned about the changes to the Planning system outlined in the 2022 Queen's Speech, in particular the proposal for so-called "street votes".

This is an ill-considered, ill-thought out concept which will waste public money, undermine Planning objectivity and consistency whilst damaging community cohesion. The long term effect would be to arbitrarily extend permitted development rights, lessening the ability of local people and their elected Councillors to influence the shape and appearance of our neighbourhoods.

Plymouth would be much better served by a government that strengthens community cohesion and ensures Planning Departments are properly resourced, especially Enforcement teams.

This Council therefore opposes any government measure which removes local influence and accountability and urges Plymouth's Members of Parliament to do the same.

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