

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR

Question submitted by: Councillor Terri Beer

To Cabinet Member: Cllr Rebecca Smith, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Homes and Communities

Question:

What are YOU going to do to protect Plympton Castle and other areas around the City from travellers? How much funding will you dedicate to the protection of Community spaces from travellers? When will YOU work towards getting a legal transit site for Plymouth to avoid huge clear up cost which City taxpayers have to pay?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

Officers are arranging site meetings with Ward Councillors following an Unauthorised Encampment in their Ward. These meetings enable Cllrs alongside Community Connections and Street Services to discuss feasible options for further protecting the land. It also allows Officers to discuss funding with Ward Councillors and potential use of Community Development grants for this purpose.

Target Hardening measures are currently a shared cost between Corporate Property to repair damage done to entrance/exit points, Street Services where existing target hardening measures require replacing, Community Connections if further measures are identified and required.

It should be noted that target-hardening measures do not guarantee there will be no subsequent UE's at any site but work to mitigate the risk where we can.

Regular monitoring and review of appropriate land for a temporary stopping place is ongoing with Officers.

Signed:

Dated: 7 September 2022

