

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Question submitted by: Grace Strickland

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cabinet Member for Community Safety

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

When is a suitable bus service, street lighting, and pavement being installed along Hayes and Meredith Roads to ensure the safety of pedestrians when travelling to and from the new crematorium to attend funeral services?

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

With regards to a bus service to the Crematorium, I can advise that, at present, it is our understanding that none of Plymouth's bus operators are currently looking to provide a commercial bus link to the new facility. This means that any service would need to be funded by the Council and become part of our tendered bus network.

The Council's tendered bus service budget is currently fully allocated and hence we are not in a position to financially support the bus link at the moment. However, opportunities to provide this link, as a kick-start service, in order to demonstrate public need for the connection will be kept under review, as part of our ongoing review of Plymouth's tendered bus network.

With regard to the provision of a footway, the planning application for the Crematorium (number 18/02088/FUL) was subject of extensive consultation during 2018, prior to planning permission being granted in April 2019.

Public consultations were held at various venues across the city, as well as consulting with numerous other organisations. Following the consultation it is my understanding that planning permission was granted on the understanding that the Crematorium site is not linked to the public footway network, nor served by public transport although at the time the applicant (PCC) indicated a willingness to review possible options for public transport provision in the future, should there be a recognised demand and it was further considered there could be the possibility of a potential link onto a future cycle path associated with the Sherford development.