

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



Question submitted by: Natalie Harrison

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cabinet Member for Transport – Cllr John Stephens

To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Council

Date: 26/01/2026

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

There have been several severe weather alerts resulting in icy roads and pavements and I'm concerned the number of accidents will increase.

Could you provide the current number of grit bins across Plymouth, how many were removed after the latest review and would you consider replacing the ones taken away?

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

The grit bin review recommendations to the Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel were presented on 16 July 2025.

112 existing grit bins were recommended for removal and 81 new locations to be added, resulting in a net reduction from 480 to 449 bins. Following consultation with Ward Councillors these numbers were amended to show a final provision of 452 bins around the City.

The review was accepted by the Scrutiny Panel with the proviso that all Ward Councillors were consulted prior to any changes taking place. The emails were sent to all Ward Councillors on 7th August with a three-week consultation period with responses by Friday 29th August 2025.

We continue to review Grit Bin requests and additional sites will be mobilised for the winter period of 2026/27.