

Member's Written Questions



Question submitted by: Councillor Chris Wood

To Cabinet Member: Councillor John Stephens

Question:

*Dear Cllr Stephens, I write with regard to our winter resilience measures; 1. At present Plymouth City Council only grits 40% of our roads. May I request that the following roads **are** added to an amended secondary gritting route; Temeraire Road, Warspite Gardens, Whin Bank Road, Epping Crescent, Greystoke Avenue and Shirburn Road please? 2. During the recent cold weather it was clear that minimal gritting of pavements had taken place, may I please request that in future the pavements within 100 yards of school and college entrances, on both sides of the road, are gritted? 3. The grit bin consultation in the summer outlined an increased number of bins within the Eggbuckland Ward, however this winter has evidenced that more are required. Would we please consider placing additional bins at the following locations; junction of Goosewell Hill and Cardigan Road, the western end of Greystoke Avenue, junction of Speedwell Crescent and Culver Way, junction of Southwell Road and St Bridget Avenue, junction of St Peters Road and Sheridan Road, junction of Warspite Gardens and Aberdeen Avenue and the junction of Whin Bank Road and St Peters Road? 4. May I also request that grit bins are located within 50 yards of all school and college entrances? Yours sincerely, Cllr Chris Wood*

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

This will be discussed with Cllr Stephens, Highways Portfolio Holder, at the next meeting with him. We are unable to give a definitive answer at the moment, other than to say that we do not routinely grit footways and would not routinely place grit bins within 50 yards of all school entrances unless they are specifically requested and meet our scoring criteria to demonstrate a need.

Gritting routes and new grit bin requests are reviewed between Winter Maintenance seasons. We have added the requested gritting streets to our list of roads to be considered prior to next Winter Maintenance season commencing on 01/10/2026. We have also added the specific locations where new grit bins have been requested to our spreadsheet for scoring and consideration prior to next Winter Maintenance season commencing on 01/10/2026.

Signed:

Shirley Stephens

Dated: 02nd February 2026