

CALL-IN REQUEST FORM




PLYMOUTH
CITY COUNCIL

Decision to be called in	F19 14/15
Decision made by: (Delete the choices which do not apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> The Cabinet or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Cabinet Member or <input type="checkbox"/> Executive decision made under joint arrangements
Date decision was made	06/02/15
Are you calling the decision in because you believe it to be outside of the Budget or Policy Framework	Yes/ No (If Yes, state the reasons why you believe it to be outside the Budget or Policy Framework in the reasons section below)
Reasons for the Call-In The reason for call in must fall within one or more of the following categories: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The process by which the decision was made was deficient in some way. e.g. did the decision maker neglect to consult people who should have been consulted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The decision maker failed to consider alternative courses of action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The decision taker failed to take into account relevant factors <input type="checkbox"/> The decision was wrong in law or fact- the call in form must state why	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REASONS
To be valid THREE Councillors must support the request. All three Councillors should sign the form OR all three Councillors should e mail the Democratic Support Section (democratic.support@plymouth.gov.uk) expressing their support for the call-in. In this case, the form should be completed and attached to all of the e-mails.	

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Signatures of THREE Councillors:

Name	Signature
1. Cllr PATRICK NICHOLSON	 11/02/15
2. Cllr DAVID JAMES	David James 11/2/15.
3. Cllr DR DAVID SALTER	David Salter 11th February 2015

Contact Details:	
Name of councillor to be contacted if there are any difficulties or questions.	Cllr PATRICK NICHOLSON

Notice of call-in for non-urgent decisions -

(i) must be received in the Democratic Support Unit by 4.30 p.m. on the fifth working day after Councillors have been notified that the decision has been made;

(ii) can be submitted to the Democratic Support Unit or by using the on-line form which should be e-mailed to democratic.support@plymouth.gov.uk

Reasons for the Call-In – F19 14/15

- **The process by which the decision was made was deficient in some way. E.g. did the decision maker neglect to consult people who should have been consulted?**

Yes

The aspiration of the City Council to grow the Plymouth population, as recommended by David Mackay, has been promoted through the planning policies contained in the Local Plan First Deposit, The Local Development Framework and now the emerging 'Plymouth Plan'. The updated housing needs assessment has influenced the housing growth target contained in the Plymouth Plan Part 1 agreed by Cabinet on 9th December 2014 for public consultation. Site specific proposals for housing will be published in the Summer / Autumn 2015 and land owners have been requested to submit proposed sites to the Head of Development Planning for consideration and future consultation.

Despite this straight forward process, which all other land owners have had to comply with, Sections 12 and 13 of the Executive Decision does not refer to any consultation with Councillor Vincent who has responsibility for the Plymouth Plan and strategic Planning. Similarly Councillor Vincent does not appear to have been consulted over the Surplus Property Declaration Minor Property Interest Pro-forma No: 278 in respect of Land at Hemerdon Heights, Plympton. As the Cabinet Member for the Environment with responsibility for Parks and Open Spaces, Councillor Vincent has not indicated his justification for agreeing to the loss of public open space by declaring the site 'surplus property'.

- **The decision maker failed to consider alternative courses of action.**

Yes

Plympton Councillors have been fully engaged with the Directorate for Place in proposing alternative housing sites in Plympton where development can take place on previously developed sites with a far higher provision of housing and accommodating different housing tenures including affordable housing.

No evidence has been provided in the decision documentation that representations in respect of the use of the former Imerys Site, Coypool, Matchroom Site, Colebrook and the former Plympton Hospital Site, Market Road have been considered by Councillor Lowry or by the Land & Property Team.

We consider that the City Council must be 'joined up' in the development of our City and that dialogue between the Land & Property Department and Development Planning is essential in ensuring our City is properly developed.

On this basis alone, the decision should be referred back for further consideration with all relevant Departments of the City Council.

- **The decision taker failed to take into account relevant factors**

Councillor Lowry is also considering the disposal of other land in Plympton at Chaddlewood and Newnham with both sites projected to be suitable for up to 800 homes. Given the cumulative impact of housing development on infrastructure such as schools, roads, public open space and health facilities, Councillor Lowry should publish all his proposals simultaneously so all the impacts can be assessed. To release individual sites as is being proposed, will create greater infrastructure issues for the Council which may cost the Council more in the medium term.