

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council September 2018



Woolwell to The George Road widening scheme

The former Conservative Council's bold and forwarding thinking proposal to widen the A386 from Woolwell to The George junction to alleviate congestion by widening the road to provide two lanes in each direction was widely acknowledged as a supporting factor in the Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Plan Planning Inspectors' support for the major development of new housing at Woolwell.

The proposed scheme also addresses years of public concern about the inadequacy of the highway infrastructure along the Northern Corridor and complements the £14m Derriford Transport Scheme.

This Council notes its objection to a recent public statement by Councillor Mark Lowry announcing that the City Council is scrapping the proposal from the 2018/19 Capital Programme. Such a decision would slow inward investment, lose the opportunity to create jobs and most importantly fail to provide vital new housing for the many homeless people in our City and for those Plymouth citizens on the housing waiting list.

The City Council requests the Cabinet to formally review this matter at its next meeting and to write to all Members of the City Council explaining whether or not the City Council is underwriting such an important highway infrastructure scheme for the future prosperity of the City of Plymouth.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Nicholson (Via Email)

Seconded by Councillor Mark Deacon (Via Email)