

Dear

Thank you for your petition received on the 2 September 2016. The Council has considered the request and can inform you:

There is a package of 12 measures being delivered in Bodmin with funding secured through Growth Deal. The package includes a range of new shared use pedestrian and cycle routes to improve links to the Camel Trail, Lanhydrock and key employment areas including Callywith; a new roundabout junction at Launceston Road/ Priory Road, and a low speed environment through Turf Street, Church Square and Dennison Road.

Throughout the length of the low speed environment there are pavements and carriageways demarked with kerb upstands, different colour surfacing and the use of tactile paving. The scheme has been developed in consultation with specific user groups including ISight Cornwall, DisAbility Cornwall, Living Streets and Sustrans, as well as a broader public consultation event in June 2015. A shared space scheme would allow for vehicles and pedestrians to fully mix in an area without any demarcation between pavements and carriageways.

The scheme also includes the restoration and repair of the historic leat drainage system which runs under the carriageway at Church Square and Dennison Road. Underground surveys showed the leats to be failing, which would require the need to introduce an immediate vehicle weight restriction to be put in place should the work not be undertaken.

The scheme is now under full construction with the major part of the scheme commencing on 12 September 2016. The traffic management has been deployed and is working well with traffic moving effectively through the diversionary routes. Cormac has listened to the public and made minor changes to the traffic management where suitable.

The scheme has been through public consultation, and received support to proceed. Cornwall Council carried out two public consultation events in spring and autumn 2013 to consult the public on the allocated growth through the emerging local plan, and the necessary infrastructure improvements required to support and mitigate against the impact of the growth. Following on from this, there was a three week public consultation period in June 2015, including a 2 day exhibition, with the proposed details being funded through the Local Growth Fund.

A meeting has been arranged for 14 October and any further issues you may have can be addressed at that meeting.

It is for these reasons that the motion, *'We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to stop the shared scheme and road closures'* cannot be endorsed, and the delivery of the Growth Deal package will continue in line with the funding requirements set out by the Department.

Kind Regards

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