



# Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

### QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC AT COUNCIL MEETINGS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 25

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 19 JULY 2021

#### QUESTION NO 1

FROM: KEN BAILEY

The people of Portsmouth have been patiently waiting for the last 7 years for the formal recognition of a public right of way around Town Quay at the Camber in Old Portsmouth. This issue today still remains unresolved.

Considering the following:

- Between 2011 and 2021 PCC did not have a Definitive Map of the public rights of way in the city that it is required to hold by law.
- As the Surveying Authority PCC investigated and assessed an application in 2016 for an existing public right of way at the Camber, Old Portsmouth to be added to the Definitive Map – which resulted in PCC losing a subsequent appeal on this matter.
- PCC did not comply with national guidance in respect of consultations prior to publishing a Definitive Map Modification Order for this Camber right of way in February 2019, despite having taken a year to action this Secretary of State's directive.

- It took 6 months for PCC to acknowledge the submission of a large number of formal representations and objections by the public to the Definitive Map Modification Order which were received over two years ago.
- The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation has not acknowledged or replied to questions raised in May 2018 regarding how PCC might identify and learn lessons in how to improve its Public Rights of Way administration performance.

Do you, as the responsible councillors, agree that this situation is unacceptable and will you:

- Provide the date by which submission of the DMMO to the Secretary of State for confirmation will urgently occur?
- Subsequently ensure the failings in timely resolution of this case are formally investigated so that lessons are learned?