



**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Friday 15th February 2019**

**1. QUESTION FROM MR RIDDELL (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)
Re: A382 Widening Scheme**

We ask this question as owners and residents of 4 Whitehill Close.

Why does the widening of the road have to come into our garden when there is ample land between our garden fence and the existing wall on the edge of the east side of the A382 -- and there is also spare land on the west side of the road?

We have lived here since 1981 and the garden fence was situated to allow for the reasonable widening of the road when the house was built about 1976. It also gives environmental protection.

Our garden has been cared for with pride and joy since the former date. Now the Council wants to take part of it -- for a cycle path which will have very limited use and to widen the road where there is no accident history. All because Jetty Marsh 2 has been severely delayed.

Our full comments including Jetty Marsh 2 were contained in a detailed email dated 1st November 2018 when we were asked for our observations.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR DAVIS

A recommendation is being given to widen the A382 at Exeter Road on the east side, following consideration of the implications of widening to the east or west. Widening on the east side provides a better overall alignment to the road, provides visibility improvements to both Church Path and the drive to Sanford Orleigh House, allows the construction of a smaller retaining wall, has better buildability and will result in less overall disruption to users of the A382 during construction.

It is necessary to encroach into the gardens beyond existing fence lines / boundary walls on the east side of Exeter Road to achieve the footprint of a 3.5m wide shared footway / cycleway and 6.0m wide carriageway. All available land within the limits of the existing highway boundary on the west side of Exeter Road has been utilised within this footprint.

Once the detailed design is established an assessment will be made of potential noise and visual impact from the Exeter Road Improvements. If mitigation measures are required, such as acoustic fencing, these would be implemented.

Exeter Road is part of the main transport artery connecting Newton Abbot to the new developments along the A382, employment at Heathfield, the A38 and wider Devon. It is anticipated traffic, pedestrian and cyclist flows will increase and the road needs to be ungraded to provide for all users. These improvements work alongside an extension to Jetty Marsh 2 to provide a long term solution to the future growth of the area. As detailed in the Cabinet report, there was a fatal collision on this section of the A382 in 2012.

2. QUESTION FROM MR D BESLEY (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)

Re: A382 – Impact on Property

I am the owner of 3 Whitehill Close and will be severely affected by the above proposed works. If the proposal goes ahead we will lose a large amount of garden and the new wall will be less than 2 metres from our lounge window.

I am submitting my question for Friday's meeting which relates to where you are getting your data/opinions from and how you have made your decision.

We are a young married couple who moved in to the property in June 2018 - where have our views been taken in to consideration? You say that 62% were positive towards the scheme but we were never asked for an opinion so where has this data come from? You say after public consultation that the preference is for the East! Where did this opinion come from?

You also said you've considered both East and West options and have gone for the East option - this is only because it suits you and makes the construction cheaper and easier for you – the decision has not been made on what the public want or think!

I look forward to some answers.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR DAVIS

A public consultation regarding the scheme was held between 5 October and 2 November 2018. A leaflet was distributed to nearby properties, including Whitehill Close, asking members of the public to send in their comments, including any comments on which side they considered (if any) was most appropriate. Of those which expressed a preference, the majority was for the east. The results of the consultation have been taken into consideration when making the final decision.

A Consultation Summary Report can be found on the following web page under the heading "The Scheme"

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/traffic-information/transport-planning/newton-abbot-east-west-shared-use-path/>