

Hamilton Square – Effective Scrutiny of Controversial Scheme *(as referred by the Civic Mayor to Policy and Performance Regeneration and Environment Committee)*

Proposed by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

Seconded by Councillor Pat Cleary

Council notes that a public consultation was recently carried out regarding the redesign of the access to Hamilton Square, Hamilton Street and the area in front of Birkenhead Town Hall.

Council is aware that many principled objections have been raised to this scheme, with concerns around the re-introduction of unnecessary traffic and noise, the removal of the expensive landscaping and paved areas introduced by the Hamilton Quarter and the overall purpose of the scheme.

Given the Council's limited financial resources, it is important that this project is tested against the 2020 Vision. Before an investment of £1.1 m is committed, the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee is requested to examine, in detail, the criteria used to justify this investment.

Council, therefore, suggests that the Highways and Traffic Representation Panel is not the most appropriate forum for this fundamental study and requests that the project be the subject of full consideration by the Policy and Performance Committee.