

Opposition Business - Amendment

Notice of Motion

Proposed 85,000 HGV vehicle movements to and from Gunners Park development.

2nd March 2023

The Council is proposing to allow 120 HGVs per day to transport earth to the Gunners Park development site over a two and a half year period. This would equate to 85,000 additional HGV vehicle movements. Concerns have been raised about the sewage line under Thorpe Hall Avenue which is part of the proposed route. Anglian Water has stated in a letter to Southchurch councillors that the structural integrity of the sewage line cannot be guaranteed to withstand the impact of these proposed additional HGV vehicle movements.

This Council therefore resolves that:

1. This Council believes either waterways or rail should be used to transport earth to the Gunners Park development site.
2. The Council will open negotiations with Bellway in order to look at delivering earth to the site by barge and/or by train.

In the event that the options of the use of waterways or rail be ruled out, the following are undertaken prior to any final decision being made:

3. This Council apply for a temporary Traffic Regulation Order for a weight restriction along Thorpe Hall Avenue to allow Anglian Water, as the body responsible for the maintenance, to do an engineering assessment to see if the sewage line in Thorpe Hall Avenue is robust enough to take the proposed additional 85,000 HGV vehicle movements.
4. Structural surveys are undertaken on house foundations along Thorpe Hall Avenue and all roads on the proposed route.

Proposed By: Cllr Cowdrey

Seconded By: Cllr Woodley