

# **Full Council**

**26 February 2020**

## **NOTICE OF MOTION 1 – THREE BRIDGES STATION**

*Mover Councillor McCarthy and Seconder Councillor Jaggard*

“This Council recognises the importance of Three Bridges Station to the whole town, and welcomes the completion of the recent consultation on the forecourt development designs.

Whilst the Council supports the key principles of the scheme, and welcomes the many benefits this will bring for all users of the station complex, it also recognises the significant and widespread concerns expressed by a large number of respondents to the recent consultation exercise and by a much greater number of residents who participated in the recent e-petition, all of whom have very grave reservations about the loss of the right turn movement out of the station and the negative effects this will have for drivers leaving the station to travel to Pound Hill, Maidenbower, Worth, Forge Wood and villages to the east of the town, and on taxi drivers and their passengers, all of whom will suffer increased journey times as a result of not being able to turn right out of the station.

It also recognises the negative effects this will bring in terms of additional and longer car movements along the Haslett Avenue corridor to the squareabout, along Hazelwick Avenue, and in St Mary’s Drive, Chaucer Road and Grattons Drive, and the additional congestion and air pollution that this will cause to the detriment of other users of those roads and nearby residents, especially those who live in the aforementioned roads in Pound Hill who are already suffering the effects of rat-running in their residential neighbourhood.

In the light of this significant public concern, the Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to instruct officers to work up an alternative scheme based on either a modified version of the previously considered Option 3 as detailed in the Traffic Modelling Summary dated January 2020, or on similar alternatives, to retain the right turn out of the station complex, and to carry out a further public consultation exercise on the principle of adopting one of those options as the final scheme.”