

Wightlink – Traffic queuing on Fishbourne Lane – I have had a comment from a relatively new resident who thinks that there is not a problem with traffic and local residents were aware of the issues when they purchased their properties. I was so annoyed by this comment that I have not yet responded as the said person clearly does not appreciate that many people in Fishbourne have lived there a long time in the days when ferries may have carried twenty five cars. Now I have been able to reflect I will answer the e-mail

Meetings with the MP – I have had two zoom meetings with Bob Seely, one last night and the other some three weeks ago. At the first meeting I raised the issue with Wightlink and his advice was to complain to both the IW Council and to the Government. His basic message was to make as much fuss as possible to create change. The second question I posed was on the proposals in the White Paper on Housing and the damage these proposals would make to the Island. Bob replied he was working on this very important topic and he fully agreed that we need to do all we can to stop the effects on the Island.

At the meeting last night, he expanded on this and has requested that all Councils on the Island write to the minister for Housing and Local Authorities pointing out the effects on the local community if the proposals are turned into law.

I would like to propose that we ask the Clerk to write to the Minister on these lines and to facilitate this I will draft a letter and send to the Clerk to put into formal Parish words and to circulate to all Councillors and if we all agree to send this to the minister with a copy to Bob Seely.

It's impossible to over emphasise how important this is for the Island and I am sure you will all want to preserve our Island and thus support this

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