

QUESTION FROM A MEMBER OF PUBLIC

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QUESTION FROM TREVOR PREIST

The population of the Exeter conurbation, (the City and its neighbouring parishes), was 30% smaller 50 years ago than it is today; in 15 years it will be 35% bigger. This current rate of growth for the city is unprecedented.

The current transport plans focus on the period to 2030 encouraging the use of modes of transport other than the car and this was the topic of discussion at the recent Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 3rd March. However beyond 2030 the Exeter region will continue to grow in both population and employment resulting in a continuing serious challenge for its transport needs.

Noting that car use currently represents over 50% of all modes of transport and that the public transport component is only 12%, can the City start to explore how its region might more effectively cope with its future transport needs on a time-scale of 20-40 years creating a transport system that has the capacity to provide a service for a much greater percentage of the population?

In this context the 20/20 Vision group which initiated the substantial growth in employment seen over the last 15 years is a valuable paradigm.