

**MOTION TO EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL**  
**25 April 2023**

**Motion: Johnnie Cope Road**

That East Lothian Council:

Notes that there has been a significant community response following the launch of the consultation on the closure of the Johnnie Cope Road between Prestonpans and Tranent;

Understands that there has been a lot of opposition to the closure of the road from various community sources including, but not limited to, Prestonpans Community Council and Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council;

Believes that the connections between the communities in East Lothian are vital, particularly in the areas where our county is growing most rapidly;

Calls for the current consultation and legal process to be paused to allow for more detailed and robust research into any potential negative impacts closing this road might have on local communities and to explore alternative proposals, such as the installation of traffic lights at the bridge on Johnnie Cope Road, to happen and be reported back to Council;

Further notes that the bridge on the A1 is in the ownership of Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government, and requests that the Chief Executive and Leader of East Lothian Council write to Transport Scotland and the relevant Scottish Government ministers to request support to upgrade the bridge over the A1 on Johnnie Cope Road and to request a cross-party meeting with ministers to discuss the various infrastructure needs of East Lothian given the proposed scale of housing growth.

Proposed by (name): Councillor Lachlan Bruce  
Date: 10 April 2023

Seconded by (name): Councillor Jeremy Findlay  
Date: 11 April 2023

Received by (name of officer): Lel Gillingwater, Team Manager, Democratic and Licensing  
Date: 11 April 2023