

**East Lothian Council**  
**27 June 2023**

**Item 11: Redetermination of Johnnie Cope's Road, Tranent**  
**Amendment Submitted by Councillors Lachlan Bruce and Jeremy Findlay**

Remove Recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 and insert:

- 2.2 Notes the significant community response following the launch of the consultation on the closure of Johnnie Cope's Road between Prestonpans and Tranent and 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, and further notes that an active travel route already exists between Tranent and Prestonpans via Meadowmill; and
- 2.3 Believes that the connections between the communities in East Lothian are vital, particularly in the areas where our county is growing most rapidly, and therefore instructs the Chief Executive and Leader of East Lothian Council to write to Transport Scotland and the relevant Scottish Government ministers to request support to upgrade the bridge over the A1 on Johnnie Cope's Road and to request a cross-party meeting with ministers to discuss this issue as well as the various other infrastructure needs of East Lothian, given the proposed scale of housing growth; failing the ability to get those meetings and resolution, Council believes that options, in particular resurfacing of the road and installation of traffic lights, would be preferable to closure if the Council is unable to get support from the Scottish Government for improving the bridge.