

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Opposition are rehearsing the same tired arguments**

A large part of the statement issued by the Opposition on the works at Varyl Begg Estate is an exact replica almost word for word of a press release that they issued in January which made some of the same arguments on the same subject. It is obvious that, not having anything new to say, the GSD are simply digging up what they can from past statements and issuing them again a few months later in the hope that nobody will notice.

The Government explained to them at the time that these works were allocated to the lowest quote under the Approved Contractor Scheme on the terms and conditions that were introduced by the GSD themselves.

It is beyond belief that the Opposition should complain that some lampposts are being replaced after the works have been completed. They spent years digging up the same roads again and again because of a lack of coordination. This has now improved considerably. The Opposition should be the last ones to point fingers given their dismal record in Government.

The issue is essentially that following encroachments into some public areas of Varyl Begg, which the GSD acquiesced to when they were in office, there were lamp posts which were too close to these structures and which obstructed persons with mobility problems because the pavement was too narrow. The Government has listened to the concerns of those members of the public and acted on them by moving the lampposts in question.