



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 24th October 2013

Wards Affected: Shiphay with the Willows

Report Title: Parking Restrictions – Crosspark Avenue, Torquay

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1. Purpose

1.1 This report is in response to requests from the local bus company for additional parking restrictions in Crosspark Avenue to aid access for the local bus route and for members to consider the possible advertising of changes to the current Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO).

2. Proposed Decision

2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined in **Appendix 2** to advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming.

3. Action Needed

3.1 The proposals outlined in **Appendix 2** to be advertised and implemented should no objections be forthcoming. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

4. Summary

4.1 Following completion of the Controlled Parking Zone, in Shiphay, Torquay, Crosspark Avenue was not included within the CPZ and consequently drivers who originally parked within the CPZ are now parking outside the zone causing access problems for the local bus route.

4.2 The current restrictions in Crosspark Avenue do not reflect the requirements of the bus route and the bus has been withdrawn from this road on a number of occasions due to vehicles which are legally parked blocking access to the bus service. Drivers have taken to parking on one or both sides of the road, obstructing the safe passage of the bus service which also has to negotiate the trees which line this avenue.

4.3 The bus operator has submitted a request for an increase in parking restrictions to assist the bus service and also maintain punctuality on this route (Stagecoach Bus Route 32 and Local Link Bus Route SB6 operate along this road).

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 Following the completion of the CPZ in Shiphay, Highways Officers implemented some waiting restriction improvements around junctions in an attempt to alleviate some of the problems the bus drivers were having in Crosspark Avenue. The original budget for the CPZ had been fully committed therefore any further physical works within this area were not possible under the scheme.
- 5.2 Certain sections of carriageway along Crosspark Avenue have no parking restrictions and due to the narrow nature of the carriageway and the fact that this is a tree lined avenue bus drivers are finding it extremely difficult to gain access to this road at all times and on occasions have had to divert along Higher Cadewell Lane and miss out this road completely. Sometimes vehicles are parking on both sides of the road. This does not allow for the buses to access this road in addition to having to negotiate past the large trees.
- 5.3 A number of local residents rely on the Bus Services in order to access vital areas including Torquay Town Centre and Torbay Hospital. The bus service is only able to operate in one direction along Crosspark Avenue due to the narrowness of the road and grounding at junctions therefore is a lifeline to residents within this area.
- 5.4 It is unfortunate the roads are narrow in places and the density in parking has increased. The double decker buses cannot be replaced with single decker buses because the smaller vehicles would leave customers behind further along the route where the demand is high.
- 5.5 The proposal, as detailed in **Appendix 2**, is as follows:

To extend the existing no waiting restrictions on the north side of Crosspark Avenue for the whole length of the road, and to extend the existing no waiting at any time between the junctions of Collaton Road and Wallace Avenue on the south side.

This will allow for easier and safer movement of large vehicles along this road without the risk of congestion or obstruction of the bus route.

5 Possibilities and Options

The Working Party is requested to consider whether they wish to support amendments to traffic regulation orders in the area as detailed below:

- 6.1 Advertise and implement, should no objections be forthcoming, the changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in **Appendix 2**. Any objections will be referred to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.
- 6.2 Members may wish to recommend that no changes are considered at the present time.

7 Preferred Solution/Option

Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate option. However, members should be aware that advertising amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders may attract objections, which will have to be presented to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 A consultation letter was sent to 70 properties within the vicinity of Crosspark Avenue of which the Council received two responses as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

9 Risks

- 9.1 There is a risk that advertising amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders may attract objections, which will have to be presented to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Copy of the comments received

Appendix 2 – Copy of revised restrictions to be advertised if approved

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None