

Torre Reversal – Objections to Advertised Traffic Regulation Orders and Engineers Responses

Comments in response to the list of suggested objections which have been generated by the residents of Home Palms.

- There is no loss of car parking in the area surrounding Home Palms, as this area is currently subject to double yellow line restrictions. We are looking to provide an on-street parking bay for either emergency vehicles or loading, the actual designation for this will be decided upon following consultation with Home Palms. However, it should be noted that a loading bay could be used by any of the other local businesses in the immediate area. It is proposed that the existing double yellow line restrictions will be changed to 'no loading at any time', preventing the parking of vehicles and therefore restricting the traffic flow.
- There is short term 'free' parking within the Brunswick Square car park, where carers have parked on previous visits with Home Palms or illegally on the adjacent double yellow lines. It is not up to the authority to provide free parking for carers.
- Traffic flow on Morgan Avenue will be reviewed both before and after the introduction of the scheme and the situation reviewed in the 2016 / 2017 financial year when funding will be available for traffic calming works if required.
- The scheme will not make the visibility at the entrance / exit of Home Palms any worse, as passing traffic will be pushed away from the existing kerb line.
- Vehicles should not reverse out on to the public highway and provision should be made to turn vehicles around within the boundaries of Home Palms House.
- With regard to vehicle emissions Stagecoach confirm that all of the Scania vehicles operating on the 12 service are built to the Euro 5 emission level. In fact just over 50% of the Torquay fleet are now Euro 5. Any new vehicles from 2016 will be to the very latest Euro 6 emission level.
- There should not be an increase of traffic into the town centre, it should be the same amount of traffic, requiring the same number of parking spaces, just entering town via a different route.
- Regarding the bus stops at Castle Circus, I can confirm that the number 12 bus will still stop opposite the library on the way into Torquay. However at the moment, on the way out of town, it is likely to stop in the vicinity of Central Church and not loop around Castle Circus.

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- To allow traffic to pass to the right of Home Palms and in front of the shops along the current pedestrianised area would require a major reconstruction of the existing carriageway to allow the passage of buses.
- To allow buses to proceed straight down to the town centre via Union Street, rather than looping around Castle Circus, posed a problem with the junction, especially with the provision of the right turn into Tor Hill Road (towards Central Church).
- The town hall development is already effectively a roundabout and is unchanged by this scheme.
- The project is funded via a Business Case submission to the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and should it not progress all monies will return to the LEP, they cannot be used for other purposes.
- We are looking to place an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing to the town centre side of the car park entrance.
- Highway legislation does not allow the placement of 'concealed entrance' signs.
- A further Traffic Regulation Order and weight limit would be required to prevent the through traffic of HGV's and force them to use Teignmouth Road and Lymington Road. Only the Police could enforce.
- The scheme will not make the visibility at the entrance / exit of Home Palms any worse, as passing traffic will be pushed away from the existing kerb line.
- Changes to the current traffic restrictions will allow the traffic to flow more freely as loading / unloading vehicles and users of blue badges will not be allowed to park around the entrance to Home Palms.
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Other comments received:

20th November 2015

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- There is no loss of car parking in the area surrounding Home Palms, as this area is currently subject to double yellow line restrictions.
- There is provision for a bus stop for the no.12 service (outbound) in the vicinity of St Efrides Road.

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- The reversal was to allow all of the shops in Torre to be promoted, not just the ones in the vicinity of Brunswick Square.
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5th December 2015

- Regarding parking on Tor Hill Road, a loss of three spaces may take place if a bus stop is located in this area. The residents may wish to object when the required Traffic Regulation is advertised in the near future.