



**Meeting:** Transport Working Party

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Wards Affected:** Clifton with Maidenway, Cockington with Chelston, Preston, Shiphay with the Willows

**Report Title:** Potential Review of Torbay Ring Road Signing and Traffic Regulation Order

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 Torbay Council have been contacted by Devon County Council Highways officers following a number of costly barrier strikes on their section of the A380. They intend to carry out works to mitigate this by a mixture of lining/signing works and a reduction in the current speed limit on Marldon Way (see **APPENDIX 1**).
- 1.2 As a result of these proposed changes Highways wish to take the opportunity to review the signage and current speed limits on the Torbay maintained sections of the A380 Hamelin Way/Hellevoetsluis Way (see **APPENDIX 2**), so that they reflect the current lay-out of the highway.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to seek the Working Party's support to carry out further detailed design work in readiness to progress a scheme for implementation as part of 2016/17 Local Transport Plan Capital funding.

## 2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 It is proposed that members recommend that Highways carry out further detailed design work, in readiness to progress a scheme to implementation under the 2016 / 2017 LTP integrated transport block funding for highway signage.
- 2.2 That any proposed changes to speed restrictions between Gallows Gate roundabout and the South Devon Link Road junction are advertised following the approval of the Executive Lead Member and implemented if no objections received.

## 3. Action Needed

- 3.1 Following the recommendation of the proposals outlined in item 2 (above), a revised Traffic Regulation order for any proposed changes to speed restrictions will need to be advertised. Any objections will be presented to the Executive Lead Member for a decision.

## 4. Summary

- 4.1 By taking a combined approach to signage and speed limits on this strategic route, both Devon County Council and Torbay Council will be taking the opportunity to improve safety and reduce collisions in the future.

## Supporting Information

### 5. Position

- 5.1 Devon County Council report that following a number of crash barrier strikes (twenty between 2013 – 2015 at a cost of approximately £25,000) they intend to carry out works on their section of the A380 Torbay Ring Road (Hellevoetsluis Way/Marldon Way) to mitigate this by:
- Introducing a 40mph speed limit between the Preston Down Road roundabout and Churscombe Cross (Marldon Road), this is currently 70mph.
  - Traffic Regulation Order and signing to tie in with existing speed limits on Torbay maintained roads, including the proposed realigned Kings Ash Road (construction due to start in approximately January 2017) to the South of the Churscombe Cross roundabout.
  - Change the lane designation through the Preston Down roundabout, left hand lane = straight on / turn left, right hand lane = straight on / turn right.
  - See **APPENDIX 2** for further information.
  - Torbay Council have also suffered from a number of barrier strikes within their section of this route.
- 5.2 As a result of these changes Highways wish to take the opportunity to review the signage and current speed limits on the Torbay maintained sections of the A380 Hamelin Way/Hellevoetsluis Way (see **APPENDIX 2**), so that they reflect the current lay-out of the highway.
- 5.3 This ties in with the planned review of the speed limit on the A380 Hamelin Way following the recent opening of the South Devon Link Road/South Devon Highway and there is concern that vehicles travelling on Hamelin Way between Gallows Gate roundabout and the South Devon Link Road may be travelling at inappropriate speeds on this currently derestricted section.
- 5.4 The purpose of this report is to seek support to carry out further detailed design work (including the preparation of appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders) in readiness to progress a scheme to advertising / implementation during the 2016/17 financial year.
- 5.5 No funding is currently identified for this proposed scheme, however consideration should be given to allocate funding from the 2016 / 2017 LTP integrated transport block for highway signage to fund this improvement.

## 6 Possibilities and Options

### 6.1 Option 1

It is recommended that members give support for further detailed design and consultation work to be undertaken, in readiness to progress the scheme to implementation, with suitable funding being allocated from the 2016 / 2017 LTP integrated transport block for highway signage and that the speed limit on Hamelin Way, between Gallows Gate roundabout and the South Devon Link Road is reviewed.

## **6.2 Option 2**

Do not support the undertaking of further design works.

## **7 Preferred Solution/Option**

- 7.1 Members are recommended that item 6, option 1 above, would be the most appropriate option. However, members should be aware that advertising any changes made to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders as part of these works may attract objections, which will have to be presented to the Executive Lead for Community Services for consideration.

## **8 Consultation**

- 8.1 Consultation will be undertaken with Council ward members and major stakeholders prior to the finalisation of any scheme. Changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are involved, which will need to be advertised and should there be any objections these will be presented to the Executive Lead for Community Services for consideration.

## **9 Risks**

- 9.1 Whilst consultation will be undertaken with major stakeholders prior to the introduction of works, it is possible that when the alterations to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) are advertised (both on site and in the local media), these will attract objections from the members of the public. Any such objections will then have to be referred back to the Executive Lead for Community Services for consideration.
- 9.2 There is a risk that if this scheme is not progressed that there will be discrepancies in the signage on this road between the Devon County Council and Torbay Council maintained sections, which may increase confusion to drivers on this route.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Layout of the proposed works to be undertaken by Devon County Council.  
Appendix 2 - Area of the A380 Hamelin Way/Hellevoetsluis Way to be reviewed.

### **Additional Information:**

None

### **Documents available in Members' Rooms:**

None

### **Background Papers:**

None