

Notice of Motion

Council Meeting 19 July 2018

Speeding on Great Hill Road

Torbay Council notes the concerns of residents of Great Hill Road (and roads off) and Barton Hill Road about the increase in speeding vehicles. The increase in speeding appears to have followed the introduction of the new bypass which has led to fewer vehicles travelling both ways and using the St Marychurch Road to Newton Abbot, and the reduction in traffic has led to drivers being tempted to go faster.

Residents have advised councillors of a number of accidents happening on Great Hill Road and Barton Hill Road (including cars ending up upside down) - but these accidents apparently do not feature on the official Police statistics because no fatalities were involved, which perhaps means Council officials do not have a true picture of the problem.

This Council further notes the continued use of the St Marychurch Road to Newton Abbot (both ways) by vehicles that are too large for this route, such as coaches, whose drivers ignore the signs not to use that route.

It is also understood that there had been plans by Torbay Council to make the St Marychurch Road more unattractive to drivers in Devon wanting to commute to Newton Abbot following the bypass being brought into use, but that this does not seem to have come to fruition.

Residents are frustrated because Torbay Council asks them to direct their concerns to Devon County Council.

Torbay Council resolves that the Chief Executive arranges a meeting between the Highways Departments of Torbay Council and involving the Councillors for Watcombe and appropriate councillors and officers from Devon County Council so that a proposal can be brought forward to the Torbay Council meeting in November, outlining actions to reduce the speeding in this area and stop the use of the St Marychurch Road by large vehicles.

Proposer: Councillor Long
Seconder: Councillor Darling (S)