

Notice of Motion

Council Meeting 19 July 2018

Oddicombe Cliff Road, Torquay

This Council notes the following freedom of information request in respect of Oddicombe Cliff Road.

“This bank holiday Monday afternoon there was a lot of irresponsible parking on this stretch of road from Babbacombe Downs to the Beach. Pedestrian footways were blocked by cars and vehicles had to drive on the pavement to gain access to the beach. As you know there is signage stating no parking beyond this point March to September.

1. Are these restrictions enforceable?

No. I believe these signs relate to the area which is not highway.

2. If yes, how many tickets have been issued at this location in the last 12 months?

N/A

3. What is the planned parking enforcement regime over this summer?

As advised above, parking restrictions are not in place to enable parking enforcement. If enforcement was to occur there will need to be a restriction. Also consideration as to how the beach land can be enforced. Colleagues in the Highways Team will be able to advise on the process to ensure this area of highway down to the beach can be enforced. I am aware this will require the writing of a traffic regulation order and consideration as to the signage and/or lines. The area which is classed as beach land can only be managed by locking the area to restrict access to vehicles.”

This Council understands that last summer on at least two occasions’ emergency medical staff had to use the cliff rail way to gain access to a patient at Oddicombe Beach due to the road being blocked by inappropriately parked vehicles.

In light of the above this Council instructs the Executive Head of Assets and Business Services to review the parking regulations on the public highway leading to Oddicombe Beach and consult with Oddicombe Beach users/stakeholders regarding the introduction of enforceable parking regulations in the interests of public safety.

Proposer: Councillor Darling (S)

Seconder: Councillor Darling (M)